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## Preface

THIS Manual of prayer for children is founded on the same principles which characterize the "Treasury of Devotion." It has been anxiously desired to preserve as much simplicity in thought and language as is compatible with the allowance necessary to be made for the constant advance of a child's mind, and the ever widening sphere of a child's consciousness. The difficulty of meeting such conditions is pleaded for any defect on this score which may be found in the composition. At the same time it is to be remembered that the development of our mental capacities are among the profoundest secrets of our nature, and that children apprehend ideas far beyond the compass of the language with which they are familiar, their consciousness of unseen things anticipating in a remarkable manner the explanations given. Forms of truth and the ideas of heavenly realities are latent in the minds of children preparatory to our teaching, and often hints

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and suggestions only seem needed to expand, to illustrate and quicken what is already lying dormant within, waiting to be elicited by the external aid.

It will be seen that many of the prayers are left as suggestions, to be used or not at discretion. The wish has been to encourage the exercise of the devotional feelings, and provide for variable impulses of religious desire, without attempting to impose too large a measure for regular use, and so making devotion a burden, but rather to leave on the mind the sense of the blessedness of the power of making freewill offerings to God.

A course of catechetical instruction, based through the kind permission of the Lord Bishop of Brechin on his “Catechism to be learnt before the Church Catechism,” forms a material part of this manual. It has been felt to be a matter of great importance to combine growth in the knowledge of the truth with habits of devotion, to teach the prayer of the “Spirit” with the prayer of the “understanding also.” The rule *lex orandi lex credendi* is true conversely also; for as the subject-matter of prayer is the substance also of faith, so the subject-matter of faith forms the material and support of prayer. This principle

applies generally to the growth of the inner life in God, and is as necessary to be acted upon in the case of children as in advancing age, and indeed with the greater care in proportion to the consequences in all after life of first impressions. It cannot be too strongly felt that no teaching in matured life can influence the devotional feelings as habits of thought and principles of belief formed in the impressible and affectionate heart of childhood.

In acknowledging the valuable help received from various persons in different ways, we especially desire to thank the Lord Bishop of Brechin for the use of his Catechism. We desire also to thank Mrs. Neale for her kind and ready permission to use Dr. Neale's Hymns. We have taken the Hymns at pages 16, 31, 33, 69, from his Hymns for Children, and the Hymn at page 79 from his Christmas Carols. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Alexander for the Hymns at pages 22, 73, from Hymns for Little Children; for two of the Narrative Hymns at pages 75, 83; as well as for the Hymn at page 93. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has kindly placed at our disposal the Hymns at pages 20, 21, 48, from

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Hymns for the Little Ones; and Mr. Masters those at pages 7, 8, 18, from Hymns for Infant Children. The Hymn at page 87, on the subject of the Flight into Egypt, is a translation from the Latin, which has been especially made for the book. For the pictures, which have been reduced from engravings of Fra Angelico, we are specially indebted to the kindness of a friend.

That this work may be pleasing and acceptable to Him Who, while hiding the secrets of His love "from the wise and prudent," reveals them "unto babes," and that blessed by Him, it may further the earnest effort so widely prevailing of late years to impress the mind of His Church on the first opening intelligence of His children, is the prayer and hope of the undersigned.

T. T. C.

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*R E M E M B E R*

LITTLE CHILD

THAT YOU ARE GOD'S OWN CHILD,  
AND THAT HE IS PLEASED WHEN YOU ARE HAPPY,  
AND THAT HE GRIEVES WHEN YOU ARE SAD.

*R E M E M B E R*

LITTLE CHILD

THAT THE GREAT AND GOOD GOD  
ALWAYS SEES WHAT YOU DO  
BY NIGHT AND BY DAY.

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*THE APOSTLES' CREED.*

I BELIEVE in God the FATHER Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth :

And in JESUS CHRIST His only SON our LORD : Who was conceived by the HOLY GHOST, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried : He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the FATHER Almighty : From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead :

I believe in the HOLY GHOST : The Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints : The Forgiveness of Sins : The Resurrection of the body : And the Life everlasting. Amen.

## Morning Prayer.

**I**N the Name  of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the  
HOLY GHOST. Amen.

- **O** GOD, my Heavenly FATHER, I thank Thee for giving me good sleep, and for Thy tender care of me.
- Forgive me all that I have done wrong. Keep me from doing anything naughty to-day. Look down upon me Thy child, and keep me safe. Bless me in all I think and do and say to-day; for the sake of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

**O** GOD, give me day by day Thy HOLY SPIRIT to make me a good child, obedient and true, kind and loving. Help me when I ought to give up to my Brothers and Sisters, and Companions, and give me grace to be always Thy dutiful child; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

**O** GOD, bless my dear Father and Mother, and my Brothers and Sisters, and Nurse, and Friends; and for all our sakes, bless our Clergy; for the merits of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

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OUR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily Bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

† **M**AY GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON, and GOD the HOLY GHOST be with me this day and always.  
Amen.

## Morning Prayer.

### A FORM FOR OLDER CHILDREN.

*As soon as you awake, make the sign of the cross, and say :*

O GOD, Thou art my God, early will I seek Thee.

*When you are dressed, kneel down and say :*

I N the Name  of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

O UR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name : Thy Kingdom come : Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven : Give us this day our daily Bread : And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation : But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

I GIVE Thee thanks, O Heavenly FATHER, for Thy watchful care of me through the past night, and for bringing me safe to another day.

I confess to Thee, O LORD, that I have often sinned and displeased Thee in thought, word, and deed ; make me truly sorry for my sins. Forgive, O LORD, whatever Thou hast seen

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amiss in me this night, or in my whole past life ; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

**M**AY Thy HOLY SPIRIT, O LORD, direct me in all my ways, keep me from every sin, strengthen me against every temptation, make me truthful and obedient, thoughtful and kind to all about me, diligent in my work, and modest and pure in all my thoughts, words, and deeds ; for the sake of JESUS CHRIST, our LORD. Amen.

**B**LESS, O LORD, my dear Father and Mother, my Brothers and Sisters, my Friends and Relations (especially . . . . .). Have pity upon the sick and afflicted (especially . . . . .). Bless our Clergy. And give us all those things which we need ; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

**M**AY the holy Angels keep watch around me this day, guard me against all dangers to my soul and my body, and bring me safe at last to my home in Heaven. Amen.

**† M**AY God the FATHER bless me : JESUS CHRIST defend and save me : the HOLY GHOST make me pure and good, and keep me truthful and obedient this day and always. Amen.

## I.

THE morning comes with shining light ;  
My God took care of me last night,  
I wish I could be good all day,  
And put all naughty thoughts away.

O God, pray hear a little child,  
And make me gentle, good, and mild ;  
I will love God Who is so good,  
He gives me life and clothes and food.

He always hears me when I pray :  
He knows all that I think and say ;  
And when the morning light I see,  
I'll think of all His love to me.

## II.

WAKE, little Christian, wake,  
The shades of night are gone,  
And all the twinkling stars  
Departed every one.

Wake, little Christian, wake,  
The birds are up on high,  
And the glorious eastern sun  
Is shining in the sky.

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Wake, little Christian, wake  
From thy pleasant sleep, and raise  
Thy feeble voice in prayer,  
And thy thankful heart in praise.

Wake, little Christian, wake,  
For thou hast safely slept  
Beneath a Father's care,  
Who watch all night has kept.

Wake, little Christian, wake,  
Once more He bids thee rise  
To serve and love Him now,  
Till He take thee to the skies.

### III.

JESUS, holy, undefiled,  
Listen to a little child,  
Thou hast sent the glorious light,  
Chasing far the silent night.  
  
Thou hast sent the sun to shine  
O'er this glorious world of Thine,  
Warmth to give, and pleasant glow,  
On each tender flower below.  
  
Now the little birds arise,  
*Chirping gaily in the skies ;*

Thee their tiny voices praise,  
In the early songs they raise.

Thou, by Whom the birds are fed,  
Give to me my daily bread ;  
And Thy HOLY SPIRIT give,  
Without Whom I cannot live.

Make me, LORD, obedient, mild,  
As becomes a little child ;  
All day long, in every way,  
Teach me what to do and say.

Help me never to forget  
That in Thy great book is set  
All that children think and say,  
For the awful judgment day.

Let me never say a word  
That will make Thee angry, LORD,  
Help me so to live in love,  
As Thine Angels do above.

Make me, LORD, in work and play,  
Thine more truly every day ;  
And when Thou at last shalt come,  
Take me to Thy heavenly Home.

## QUESTIONS

*FOR THE CHILD ON THE DAY PAST.*

1. Have I been quite obedient to-day?
2. Was I good at lessons?
3. Was I good at play?
4. Have I done anything unkind to my Brothers or Sisters, or to any one else?
5. Was I naughty with Nurse?
6. Was I good at meals?
7. Is there anything else naughty that I have done to-day?
8. Have I done anything naughty to-day that I ought to tell my Mother?

## Evening Prayer.

**I**N the Name **¶** of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

**O** GOD, my Heavenly FATHER, look down on me with love, and help me to pray to Thee. I thank Thee for taking care of me to-day, and for all Thy goodness to me, Thy child.

Forgive me, for JESUS CHRIST's sake, what I have done wrong to-day (especially . . . . .), and make me sorry for it. Help me to try to please and obey Thee Who so tenderly lovest me. Amen.

**O** GOD, bless my dear Father and Mother, and my Brothers and Sisters, and Nurse, and Friends, and bless our Clergy. Pity the poor, make the sick well, comfort the sad; and take care of us all, for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

**O** UR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily Bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: But

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deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**M**AY Thy holy Angels, O GOD, watch around my bed this night, and keep me from all evil. Amen.

**† M**AY GOD the FATHER bless me: JESUS CHRIST defend and save me: the HOLY GHOST keep me and make me pure and good and holy this night and for ever. Amen.

*When in bed, the child may say:*

**O** BLESSED LORD JESUS, keep me safe, for I am Thy child.

*When giving thanks for anything good or pleasant, the child will add this:*

**O** GOD, I thank Thee very much for having given me this bright pleasure of . . . . . , because Thou lovest to see me happy. Do Thou make me love Thee Who art so good to me, and make me try to obey Thee. Amen.

*When the Father (or Mother) of the family is away, the child will add this:*

**O** GOD, I pray Thee to take care of my dear Father (or Mother), bless *him* and keep *him* well. Take care of *him* in all dangers, and bring *him* home to us again safe and well; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

## **E**vening Prayer.

### *A FORM FOR OLDER CHILDREN.*

**I**N the Name **†** of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

**O** GOD, I thank Thee for all Thy mercies to me (especially . . . . ), and for having brought me safely to the close of another day. Shew me I pray Thee, by the light of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, what sins of thought, word, or deed, I have this day committed.

*Then think with yourself*

1. What have I done that is wrong during the past day, either by wrong thoughts, or wrong words, or wrong deeds?
2. Have I been idle and lazy to-day?
3. Have I been good-tempered, truthful, pure, and obedient to those set over me?
4. Have I been selfish, or unkind, or unfair to any one?
5. What fault do I most often commit, and have I committed it to-day?
6. What have I left undone to-day that I ought to have done?
7. Have I omitted to confess anything wrong?

*Confess what you have done wrong, and say :*

**I** CONFESS, O God, that I have sinned against Thee (especially . . . . ). Make me sorry for what I have done

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that is wrong to-day. Forgive me, and help me to do better for the time to come ; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

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**M**AY the holy Angels keep watch around me this night ; guard me against all dangers to my soul and my body, and bring me safe at last to my home in Heaven. Amen.

**\*M**AY GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON, and GOD the HOLY GHOST, bless, preserve and keep me this night and for ever. Amen.

*When you lie down in bed, say :*

**I** WILL lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is Thou LORD only Who makest me dwell in safety.

*Vouchsafe, O LORD, to keep me this night without sin.*

## I.

JESUS, Tender Shepherd, hear me,  
Bless Thy little lamb to-night,  
Through the darkness be Thou near me ;  
Keep me safe till morning light.

All the day Thy hand hath led me,  
And I thank Thee for Thy care :  
Thou hast clothed and warmed and fed me,  
Listen to my evening prayer.

May my sins be all forgiven ;  
Bless the friends I love so well ;  
Take me, when I die, to Heaven,  
Happy there with Thee to dwell.

## II.

IN the dark and silent night  
Blessed LORD, be Thou my Light,  
So shall nothing me affright.

Alleluia..

Safely shadowed 'neath Thy wing,  
Help Thy little one to sing,  
Glory to the Heavenly King.

Alleluia.

Angels sing, and so would I,  
While upon my bed I lie,  
Praise the Glorious TRINITY.

Alleluia.

III.

A LMIGHTY GOD, to night  
To Thee for help we pray ;  
To Whom the darkness is as light,  
And midnight like the day.

Thy tender love and care  
Prepares our peaceful bed ;  
But Thou, O SAVIOUR, had'st not where  
To lay Thy blessed Head.

O keep us now from harm,  
As Thou hast done before ;  
And let Thine everlasting Arm  
Be round us evermore.

Let holy Angels stand  
About us every night,  
Until they bear us to the land  
Of everlasting light.

From men below the skies,  
And all the Heavenly Host,  
To GOD the FATHER praise arise,  
The SON, and HOLY GHOST.

## IV.

THE day is done ;  
O God the Son,  
Look down upon Thy little one.

O Light of Light,  
Keep me this night,  
And shed round me Thy Presence bright.

I need not fear  
If Thou art near,  
Thou art my SAVIOUR, Kind and Dear.

Thy Gentle Eye  
Is ever nigh ;  
It watches me when none is by.

Thy Loving Ear  
Is ever near,  
Thy little children's voice to hear.

So happily  
And peacefully  
I lay me down to rest in Thee.

To FATHER, SON,  
And SPIRIT, One,  
In Heaven and earth all praise be done.

## v.

UP above the bright blue sky,  
Where the stars are peeping,  
Further still than I can see,  
Heavenly watchers over me  
Nightly care are keeping.

And, if like the Angels, I  
Could behold around me,  
I should see them come and go,  
Pass from Heaven to earth below,  
And their hosts surround me.



All day long, and all night too,  
While I am safely sleeping,  
Busy on their task of love,  
They are sent from Heaven above  
Faithful vigil keeping.

And, whilst us, from evil things,  
Angels are defending,  
Little children robed in white,  
Sing before the throne of light,  
In daylight never ending.

JESUS took them for His Own,  
Made them pure and holy,  
And on earth His gentle love  
Prepared them for their home above,  
Safe from sin and folly.

Blessed JESUS, take me too,  
. Though I'm weak and lowly,  
Let Thy gentle grace within  
Make my garments white and clean,  
And my spirit holy.

# Hymns

FOR

## Holy Days.

I.

GOD, Almighty FATHER !  
Who of all art King ;  
Who hast made and guardest  
Every living thing :  
Keep me safe for ever  
'Neath Thy sheltering Wing.

GOD and Man, CHRIST JESUS !  
Who with Thine Own Blood  
Boughtest me, O SAVIOUR !  
Help me to be good :  
Make me live, LORD JESUS !  
As Thy children should.

GOD, the HOLY SPIRIT !  
Pure, most pure Thou art,  
Be Thou ever with me,  
Dwell within my heart :

Bid all thought of evil  
Far from thence depart.

TRINITY most Holy !  
FATHER, SPIRIT, SON !  
One in Three for ever,  
Ever Three in One !  
May I praise Thee alway,  
When this life is done.

## II.

GLORY to the Blessed JESUS !  
Who for us was born,  
In the stable cold and poor,  
On glad Christmas Morn.

Glory to the Blessed JESUS !  
Who was crucified  
On Good Friday for our sins ;  
Loving us, He died.

Glory to the Blessed JESUS !  
Who for sinners lay  
In the tomb, and rose upon  
Happy Easter Day.

Glory to the Blessed JESUS !  
He Who is our way  
Went up in a cloud to Heaven  
On Ascension Day.

Glory to the Blessed JESUS !  
Who at Whitsuntide  
Sent His HOLY SPIRIT down  
With us to abide.

Glory to the Blessed JESUS !  
We will praise His love,  
All good days on earth below,  
And for aye above.

## III.

**T**HERE is a green hill far away,  
Without a city wall,  
Where the dear LORD was crucified  
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell  
What pains He had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us,  
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,  
    He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to Heaven,  
    Saved by His precious Blood.

There was no other good enough  
    To pay the price of sin,  
He only could unlock the gate  
    Of Heaven, and let us in.

O, dearly, dearly has He loved,  
    And we must love Him too,  
And trust in His redeeming Blood,  
    And try His works to do.

# Prayers

FOR  
Various Occasions.

## *For Noon-day.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, my GOD and SAVIOUR, Who for love of me didst die on the Cross, and now in Heaven dost watch over me with love ; make me try and please Thee. Amen.

## *Before Lessons.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who, when a Child, wast obedient to Thy parents, and Who wishest us to learn, that so we may be able to serve Thee better ; help me to be obedient and diligent, truthful and good, and to try to be like Thee, Who lovest me. Amen.

## *After Lessons.*

I THANK Thee, O GOD, for the help that Thou hast given me in my lessons. Make me remember Thee Who so carest for me, and grant that I may try and please Thee always ; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*Before reading the Bible.*

O LORD JESUS, give me grace to read Thy holy word with reverence, and may Thy HOLY SPIRIT help me to understand it, to love it, and to do what it teaches me. Amen.

*Before Service.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who dost love children and biddest them come to Thee; help me to behave with reverence in Thy House. Grant that I may pray to Thee with my heart, and listen attentively to Thy holy word, that one day with Thy holy Angels I too may praise Thee for ever. Amen.

*After Service.*

I THANK Thee, O Heavenly FATHER, for letting me come to Thy House of Prayer. Forgive whatever Thou hast seen wrong in me. Bless me, and keep me a good child ; for my SAVIOUR's sake. Amen.

*Grace before Meals.*

BLESS, O LORD, the food which Thou dost give us, and make us thank Thee for it ; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

*Grace after Meals.*

WE thank Thee, O God, for this and all Thy loving gifts to us. Amen.

*On going from Home.*

O GOD, Who always watchest over us, we pray Thee to take care of us on our journey. Keep us from all accidents. Be with us where we are going. Help us to love Thee and to please Thee. And do Thou bring us safe home again in health, and one day to our Home above; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*On returning Home.*

O GOD, we thank Thee for Thy tender care of us all the time that we were away, and for bringing us safe home again. We thank Thee for all the pleasures that Thy love gives us; make us love Thee in return. Do Thou bless us in our homes here, and grant us one day to see our bright and endless Home above; for JESUS CHRIST's sake, our LORD. Amen.

*For Missions either at Home or Abroad.*

LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who wildest that all people should be Christians, and Who didst command Thy Church

to make them Christians ; do Thou bless all, both Clergy and others who are toiling for Thy sake to fulfil Thy command ; be Thou ever with them to take care of them and strengthen them and give them wisdom. And do Thou, Almighty SAVIOUR, Who art ever near to all Thy servants, whether at home or very far away, comfort them in all loneliness and weariness ; for Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

*For a Birthday.*

O GOD, my Heavenly FATHER, Who didst create me ; I thank Thee for taking care of me all my life, for all Thy loving gifts to me, and for bringing me to another Birthday with all its pleasures. O God, forgive me all my faults (especially . . . ) ; help me to conquer them, and to begin anew this day to please Thee. Do Thou help me more and more to obey and love Thee, and bring me one day to Heaven to be with Thee for ever; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

*For the Anniversary of Baptism.*

O GOD, I thank Thee that, when I was a little baby, Thou didst make me Thine Own child in Baptism, and didst give me Thy HOLY SPIRIT. Help me day by day to obey and love Thee Who art my Father. Help me to fight bravely against my faults, and do all Thou wouldest have me do, and keep me Thine for ever ; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*In Preparation for Confirmation and Holy Communion.*

ALMIGHTY God, my Heavenly FATHER, Who of Thy great goodness didst make me Thine Own child in Holy Baptism, and dost purpose in Thy love to give me yet greater gifts ; I thank Thee for all Thy love to me, and for the many many helps that Thou givest me. Help me I pray Thee to use them and to fight bravely against my faults as Thy soldier. Do Thou make me more and more fit for the great gift of Thy HOLY SPIRIT to strengthen me. Give me grace to be Thy faithful and obedient child, that I may receive the most Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of my LORD JESUS CHRIST. Grant, O God, victory to my efforts ; bless me and keep me Thine for ever ; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*An Orphan's Prayer.*

O GOD, Who art the Father of the fatherless ; look mercifully upon me Whom Thou hast permitted to be left alone, and be to me Father and Mother, O God, Who lovest me. Make me love those who have given me a home, and obey them, and not to vex, or grieve, or give them trouble. Make me in all things to live as my Parents would have me do. Bless them and me, and make me a good child, and grant me one day to see them again in Heaven, for the sake of my LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

*When you are Tempted.*

O MY most MERCIFUL GOD and FATHER, Who lettest temptation come to me, look with tender kindness upon me. Help me now to conquer this temptation. Bless me, and strengthen me, and be with me now and always; for JESUS CHRIST my SAVIOUR's sake. Amen.

*When you are inclined to be sulky or put out.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who in all Thy childhood here on earth wert most gentle and loving and obedient, and Who now dost look down upon me from Heaven, and longest to see me gentle and good; do Thou help me to drive away all cross feelings, and to yield my will readily and gently; bless me always, I pray Thee, and make me like Thee, Who lovest me. Amen.

*After having done wrong.*

A LMIGHTY God, I Thy child confess that I have sinned against Thee, Who hast been so good to me. I have . . . Do Thou, my Merciful FATHER, forgive me, and make me really sorry for having displeased Thee. Help me to remember my fault, and to guard against it another time. Look upon me, and forgive me; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*If a child has told a lie, or is in great disgrace.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast tenderly loved me and watched over me all my life, and hast given me many good things, because Thou lovedst me, I confess that I have sinned deeply against Thee; I have . . . Do Thou soften my heart, and make me really and truly sorry, because I have displeased Thee. Do Thou make me very careful not to do anything the least like it again, and to fear to displease Thee more than anything else. Forgive me, I pray Thee, and cast me not away from being Thy child, but take me again into Thy favour, and make me good ; for the sake of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

## I.

*When a disappointment has come.*

NOT a single sight we view,  
Not a single deed we do,  
Not a single word we say,  
Every hour of every day ;

Not one action or intent  
Comes by chance or comes unsent ;  
God, That hears His people's call,  
Sees and overrules them all.

When we know not where we go,  
'Tis enough for Him to know ;  
Are there fears on every side ?  
Let us trust, and He will guide.

Does He make our wishes vain ?  
'Tis because the loss is gain :  
Does He stop us in our way ?  
'Tis because 'tis best to stay.

When we suffer want or grief  
He at once could send relief :  
He could send it ; and He would,  
Were not suffering for our good.

He can make a little deed  
On to mighty wonders lead :  
Bidding things that men despise  
Bring to nought the great and wise.

Him by Whom mankind was made,  
Him That was for man betrayed,  
Him by Whom we live anew ;  
Praise we ever as is due.

## II.

*The Child's Good Resolution.*

I AM a little pilgrim,  
So I must watch and pray,  
Learn to deny myself, and tread  
The narrow thorny way.

The way that JESUS went  
And all His Saints have gone,  
In the dear footprints of their LORD,  
With patience pressing on.

With many a holy psalm  
Their fainting steps were cheered,  
While brightening to their wistful gaze  
The "far-off land" appeared.

Teach me those psalms to sing,  
That “far-off land” to see,  
And when I weary in the race,  
Uphold and strengthen me.

Is not the weakest child  
The parent’s tenderest care?  
So gather with Thy mighty arm,  
And in Thy Bosom bear.

III.

*If a child is tempted to be vexed at being little noticed.*

I S there one who sets his face  
To obtain the foremost place?

Is there one who longs to see  
Others not so high as he?

He for man Who suffered woe  
Was the lowest of the low:  
He for man Who left His Throne  
Was rejected by His Own.

If we seek His paths to tread,  
If we would be like our Head,  
Wheresoever we are cast,  
We must count ourselves the last.

GOD Himself resisteth pride,  
GOD is on the humble's side ;  
He will make the haughty weak,  
And with joy lift up the meek.

We must love our SAVIOUR's state,  
Not be waited on, but wait ;  
Gladly answer every call,  
Gladly be of use to all.

Others then may call us still,  
Poor of spirit if they will ;  
And shall sinners be ashamed,  
When their SAVIOUR thus was named ?

If ourselves we humble here,  
Till our Master shall appear :  
He, when this short life is past,  
Will exalt us at the last.

Him by Whom mankind was made,  
Him That was for man betrayed,  
Him by Whom we live anew,  
Praise we ever, as is due.

Praises  
FOR  
Every Day in the Week.

*SUNDAY MORNING.*

O GOD, my FATHER, I thank Thee for this Thy holy day. I thank Thee for the first Sunday on which Thou didst create the light for this our earth. I thank Thee for that glad Sunday on which CHRIST our LORD rose so early from the grave, that we might live for ever. I thank Thee for that Sunday on which Thou didst first send Thy HOLY SPIRIT upon Thy Church to abide with each one of us : I thank Thee, O my God. Make me love Thy holy day, and rejoice and spend it as Thou wouldest have me do : for the sake of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

*MONDAY MORNING.*

O GOD, my FATHER, I thank Thee, because on the first Monday Thou didst create the clear blue sky for us to look upon and love. I thank Thee, because our SAVIOUR

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CHRIST teaches us to pray, Who on the Monday before His Passion drove from Thy House those who came to it not to pray ; I thank Thee O my GOD. O GOD, forgive me all the wrong thoughts that I have had in Thine House, and make me pray to Thee in purity and truth, that when Thy SON our LORD cometh again He may receive me into His arms with love. And this I pray for the sake of my SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

*TUESDAY MORNING.*

O GOD, my FATHER, I thank Thee, because on the first Tuesday Thou didst create the fair green grass and little daisies and all the flowers, and fruit for us Thy little ones to enjoy. I thank Thee because on the Tuesday before His Passion our SAVIOUR CHRIST told us that anything we could do for any of His poor or suffering ones was indeed done unto Himself ; I thank Thee, O my GOD. Grant to me a little child to love the poor, to give them of what Thy tender love has given me, and bless me ; for JESUS CHRIST my SAVIOUR's sake. Amen.

*WEDNESDAY MORNING.*

O GOD, my FATHER, I thank Thee, because on the first Wednesday Thou didst create the sun to give us *light and warmth*, and the moon to shine brightly in the dark

night. I thank Thee, because on the Wednesday before His Passion our SAVIOUR CHRIST was preparing Himself to suffer for us ; I thank Thee, O my GOD. Make me learn to love and obey the lessons which CHRIST our LORD has taught me, to bear my trials patiently, and to fear and love Him always. And this I pray for the sake of my SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

#### *THURSDAY MORNING.*

O GOD, my FATHER, I thank Thee, because on the first Thursday Thou didst create the fish and all the little birds who sing to Thee their songs of praise and gladness, that we might hear them and rejoice. I thank Thee, because on the night before His Passion our GOD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST knelt down to wash His disciples' feet that we might learn to love one another, and afterward did give His Body and His Blood to His disciples to feed them unto life everlasting : I thank Thee, O my GOD. Make me learn the lessons my SAVIOUR taught that night, and love humbly and tenderly all about me. And this I pray, for JESUS CHRIST my SAVIOUR's sake. Amen.

#### *FRIDAY MORNING.*

O GOD, my FATHER, I thank Thee for all Thy love to me Thy little one. On the first Friday Thou didst create

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man to love and serve Thee, and the beasts and cattle in Thy love for us. On Friday Thou didst give Thine Only Son to suffer bitterest pains and die upon the cross in deepest love to us ; O my GOD, I thank Thee. Grant, O GOD, that that great love of Thine may not be lost or wasted for me, but make me love and obey Thee, and take me one day to Heaven to live with Thee for ever ; for my Blessed SAVIOUR's sake. Amen.

#### *SATURDAY MORNING.*

O GOD, my FATHER, I thank Thee for the first Saturday on which Thou didst deign to rest from Thy work, Who yet always workest out of love for us. I thank Thee for that Saturday on which CHRIST our LORD, when all His toil and bitter pain for us was finished, did rest in the garden cave that He might one day give us rest, when our warfare against temptation is ended ; I thank Thee, O my God. Make me love and obey my LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, Who gave up everything for the love of me. Amen.

Praises  
FOR  
The Greater Holy Days of our Lord.

*CHRISTMAS.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, I thank Thee very much, because on the first Christmas night Thou wert born a little Baby in the stable at Bethlehem, and wert joyfully seen by the shepherds : I thank Thee, O GOD my SAVIOUR, Who wert joyfully beheld by the Wise Men who worshipped Thee, and now dost let even me, Thy little one, worship Thee and rejoice and be happy on this Thy Birth Day : I thank Thee, O my God.

Make me so to love Thee for all Thy love to me, and so heartily to try and obey Thee, that when Thou comest again, I may see Thee with these my eyes, and worship Thee and rejoice in praising Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

*The child may, if he will, say this every day from Christmas to the Epiphany.*

*GOOD FRIDAY.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, I thank Thee, because Thou didst become a Child for me, and while Thou wert growing up, didst bear bravely in most perfect obedience and most perfect love so many trials, that Thou mightest strengthen me, Thy little one, to bear in obedience to Thee, what Thou sendest me to bear. I thank Thee, O God my SAVIOUR, because all through the past night and through the day, till towards the evening when Thou didst die, Thou wert bearing most bitter pains of Body and Soul, and didst endure to hear most bitter words, and to hang nailed by Thy Hands and by Thy Feet to the Cross, that Thou mightest blot out my sins and save my soul from hell : I thank Thee, O my GOD.

Make me love Thee, Who hast always loved me : make me remember Thy love to me: make me sorry for my sins, and that when I was naughty I forgot Thee and all Thy love to me: make me, O LORD JESUS, my God and Master, try hard to obey Thee; and do Thou help me, and keep me Thine for ever. Amen.

*EASTER DAY.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, I thank Thee very much, because on Easter morning, while it was yet dark night, Thou didst rise all beautiful and glorious from the tomb in Joseph's Garden. I thank Thee, O God my SAVIOUR, Who now dost

let me, Thy little one, worship Thee, and rejoice and be happy, and Who wilt one day give me too a bright and beautiful body : I thank Thee, O my GOD.

Make me think and remember how deeply Thou hast loved me, how tenderly Thou carest for me, and rejoice and try hard to obey Thee: and give me one day I pray Thee the bright glad sight of Thee in Heaven, where I shall be for ever safe with Thee. Amen.

*ASCENSION DAY.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, I thank Thee very much, because when Thou hadst risen from the dead, and hadst been for forty days on this our earth Thou didst ascend with Thy Body into Heaven, attended by Thine Angel Hosts, and worshipped by Thine Apostles, and didst sit on the Right Hand of God the FATHER. I thank Thee, O GOD my SAVIOUR, Who wilt one day return all glorious with that same Body, with those same Angel Hosts, to receive for ever all Thy children here who have loved Thee and obeyed Thee, and Who now dost let me worship Thee, and rejoice and be happy ; and Who at the Right Hand of God the FATHER, dost ever think of me and love me : I thank Thee, O my GOD.

O LORD JESUS, my GOD, Who dost love me with a great tenderness of love which passes all I may ever know or under-

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stand, keep me Thy little one, I pray Thee: make me try hard not to displease Thee, or grieve Thy love, but obey Thee always in all things, that I may rejoice when Thou dost come again, and may be with Thee for ever. Amen.

*WHITSUN DAY.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, I thank Thee very much, because on the second Sunday after Thou didst ascend, GOD the HOLY GHOST came down from Heaven upon Thine Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. I thank Thee, O GOD my SAVIOUR, Who then didst give this great Gift to Thine Apostles to remain with each one of us for ever, and didst found Thy Church: I thank Thee, O GOD my SAVIOUR, Who of Thy tender love dost give me Thy HOLY SPIRIT that I may rejoice and be happy: I thank Thee, O my God.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who dost give me, day by day, Thy HOLY SPIRIT, to make me a good and pure and holy child: help me more and more, I pray Thee, to try earnestly not to grieve Thy HOLY SPIRIT by giving way to naughty tempers, or bad desires, but make me ever obey and please Thee, and keep me Thine for ever. Amen.

# Prayers

FOR  
**Others when they are Sick.**

*For a Mother when she is Sick.*

O GOD, I pray Thee, bless my dear Mother, and make her well again. Give her good sleep, and comfort her, and take care of her. Forgive me all that I have ever done to make her sorry, and help me now to be good and dutiful, quiet and contented, gentle and loving, and to give as little trouble as possible. And I pray Thee to make my dear Mother well again; for our LORD JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*For a Father when he is Ill.*

O GOD, I pray Thee, bless my dear Father, and make him well again. Bless my dear Mother, and comfort her, and do not let her get sad. Make me try to be quite con-

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tented, and good and obedient, that I may not give trouble. Bless each one of us, and make my dear Father well again ; for our LORD JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*Thanksgiving for the Recovery of a Parent.*

O GOD, I thank Thee for Thy great goodness in making my dear Father (or Mother) well again. Help me to be more dutiful, and loving, and obedient. Help me to try to please *him* in all things, and obey Thee, Who hast bidden me as my first and special duty obey my parents. Bless me, and keep me ever Thy child ; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*Prayer for a sick Brother or Sister.*

O GOD, I pray Thee to bless . . . . . and to make *him* well again. Give *him* good sleep at night, and help *him* not to be dull and weary in the day-time. Forgive me, I pray Thee, all that I did unkind to *him* when *he* was well, and we played together. Help me now to love *him* very much, to do what I can for *him*, and be quiet, so as not to disturb *him*. Make *him* soon well again, and grant that when we play together I may be good and unselfish, thanking Thee for giving *him* to me ; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*Thanksgiving for the Recovery of a Brother or Sister.*

O GOD, I thank Thee for making my darling *Brother* well again. Help me to be very tender and loving to *him*, and to take more pains not to be selfish. Help us both to love and please Thee, and to be good children. And bring us one day to be together in Heaven where Thou art ; for the merits of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Prayers  
FOR  
The Departed.

*For a Departed Parent.*

I.

O LOVING GOD, Who hast given to the soul of my dear *Father* rest in Paradise, and hast brought *him* near to Thee ; I pray Thee give *him* ever more and more the happy sight of Thee, and more and more of peace and joy. O Thou Who hast promised to be the Father of those whose earthly fathers are with Thee, bless me, and make me day by day pure and good. And if it please Thee, let my dear *Father* see me growing up as Thou wouldest have me ; and let us one day meet in full and endless joy in Thy most holy presence ; for the merits of JESUS CHRIST my SAVIOUR. Amen.

II.

*Or this, for younger children.*

O GOD, Who hast taken my dear *Father* to be with Thee in joy in Paradise ; do Thou give *him* more and more

of rest and joy, and make me good and just as *he* would have me be. Be Thou my Father now, and bring me one day with *him* to Heaven ; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*For a Brother or Sister Departed.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who has taken dear . . . . away from me, to be with Thee, where *he* ever sees Thee, and is happy ; do Thou satisfy *him* more and more with the joys which Thou givest to the little children whom Thou hast taken to be with Thee. Forgive me, I pray Thee, all that I did unkind or wrong to *him* while I had him. Do Thou forgive it all. Bless me, I pray Thee, and keep me. Make me always love my little *Brother*, and never to forget *him*. Teach me to be good, and please Thee now, and give us one day a happy meeting before Thee, Who lovest us both with the same most holy love. Amen.

# Prayers

IN

## Sickness.

### *PRA YER*

*To be said some time each day during the Sickness.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who lookest tenderly upon all Thy children, look, I pray Thee, with pity upon me. Do Thou, O God, Who hast sent this sickness for my good, bless it to me, by making me a better and more loving child. Make me patient, as Thou wouldest have me be, and very thankful to all who are kind to me. Help me to take my medicine like a good child, and make it do me good. Make me really sorry for all my faults, and firmly to resolve to fight against them, and if it please Thee make me and all sick children well again; for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

### *HYMN.*

TIS JESUS sends us sickness,  
So when in pain, or ill,  
I'll try to bear it meekly,  
Because it is His will.

I'll think of Him Who suffered  
Upon the Cross for me :  
Can I not bear a little,  
My Blessed LORD, for Thee ?

It is Thy love which makes me  
To leave my merry play,  
To lie here still and quiet,  
And give up my own way.

LORD JESUS, give me patience,  
LORD JESUS, give me love,  
LORD JESUS, give hereafter  
A life with Thee above !

*There are other Hymns at pages 22 and 32, besides the Morning and Evening Hymns, for the Child to say when he will.*

*When the Child takes his medicine, he may say,*

O GOD, make this medicine do me good, for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*When getting better.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, my SAVIOUR, Who didst make me sick, and art now making me well again, I thank Thee for all Thy goodness and kindness to me when I was sick, and

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I pray Thee to make me patient and gentle and good now that I am getting better. Help me to think of Thee when I am tempted to be cross, and how gentle Thou wert. Make me love Thee, and long to be like Thee. Help me, I pray Thee, O my SAVIOUR, that I may try to please Thee ; bless me, and all whom I love, and keep me always Thine, Who lovest me. Amen.

*Thanksgiving on Recovery.*

I THANK Thee, O Heavenly Father, for giving me health and strength, and making me well again. Help me to love Thee more, and serve Thee better, that I may live and die as Thy child ; through JESUS CHRIST my SAVIOUR. Amen.



# Litanies;

OR

## Earnest Prayers to our Lord Jesus Christ,

*WHO WAS ONCE A CHILD.*

### I.

O GOD, the FATHER of Heaven,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the SON, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God, the HOLY GHOST,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O LORD JESUS, the Desire of all nations,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, conceived by the HOLY GHOST,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, born of the Virgin Mary,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, laid in the manger,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, shewn to shepherds in the manger,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, willingly circumcised according to the Law,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, adored by the Wise Men,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, presented in the Temple,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, taken in the arms of holy Simeon,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, carried into Egypt,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, Whom Herod sought to put to death,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, Whose Home was at Nazareth,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, found among the Doctors in the Temple,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, Who wert subject to Thy parents,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*



O LORD JESUS, baptized by John,  
*Bless us, we pray Thee.*

O LORD JESUS, Who shalt one day judge us,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

**O** LORD JESUS CHRIST, be gracious to us.

**F**ROM all naughtiness,  
*Deliver us, O LORD JESUS.*

From dying in sin,  
*Deliver us, O LORD JESUS.*

By Thy holy Birth,  
*Look upon us children.*

By Thy Circumcision,  
*Look upon us children.*

By Thy receiving 'Thy holy Name,  
*Look upon us children.*

By Thy holy Baptism,  
*Look upon us children.*

By Thy Cross and Passion,  
*Save us, O LORD JESUS.*

By Thy Death and Burial,  
*Save us, O LORD JESUS.*

By Thy holy Resurrection,  
*Save us, O LORD JESUS.*

By Thy glorious Ascension,

*Save us, O LORD JESUS.*

By Thy sending down from Heaven the HOLY GHOST the  
Comforter, *Make us holy, O LORD JESUS.*

That looking at Thy example, we may follow Thy steps,

*We beseech Thee to hear us, O LORD JESUS.*

O LAMB of God, That takest away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us, O LORD JESUS.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,  
*Hear us, O LORD JESUS.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,  
*Bless us, O LORD JESUS.*

O UR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily Bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*COLLECT.*

O ALMIGHTY God, give us Thy grace, and through the Coming of Thine Only Begotten SON JESUS CHRIST, give us all that we need both for this life and for that which is to come; through the Same JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

## II.

O GOD the FATHER, of Heaven,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the SON, our SAVIOUR,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the HOLY GHOST, our Sanctifier,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

H OLY TRINITY, One God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, SON of God,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, SON of MARY,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, equal to Thy FATHER,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, subject to Thy Mother,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, Prince of Peace,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, Hope of Saints,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, Refuge of sinners,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

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Holy LORD JESUS, First-born of all creatures,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, made Man for us,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, born in the stable,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, laid in the manger,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, always obedient to Thy Parents,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, Who didst love the poor and suffering,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, Who didst suffer in silence,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, Who didst die on the Cross,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Holy LORD JESUS, Who sittest at GOD's Right Hand,  
*Look tenderly upon us.*

By Thy humble birth,  
*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Cold and Hunger,  
*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Tears,  
*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Sorrows,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Poverty,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Labours,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thine Agony,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Sweat of Blood,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Crown of Thorns,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Cross and Passion,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Death and Burial,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy glorious Resurrection,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy triumphant Ascension,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Life that never ends,

*LORD JESUS, strengthen us.*

By Thy Love for little children,

*Look tenderly upon us, and bless us.*

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O LAMB of GOD, That takest away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O UR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name : Thy Kingdom come : Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven : Give us this day our daily Bread : And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation : But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*COLLECT.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who becamest a Child for us ; make me try to be obedient and gentle and true, as Thou wert. And do Thou ever watch over me, and help me in all my efforts and difficulties ; for Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

## III.

G OD the FATHER, God the WORD,  
God the HOLY GHOST adored,  
Blessed TRINITY, One LORD,  
*Spare us, HOLY TRINITY.*

JESUS, David's Root and Stem,  
JESUS, bright and glorious Gem,  
JESUS, Babe of Bethlehem,  
*Hear us, O Child JESUS.*

JESUS, SAVIOUR ever mild,  
Born for us a little Child,  
Of the Virgin undefiled,  
*Hear us, O Child JESUS.*

JESUS, by the Mother-Maid  
In Thy swaddling-clothes arrayed,  
And within a manger laid,  
*Hear us, O Child JESUS.*

JESUS, at Whose infant Feet  
Shepherds, coming Thee to greet,  
Knelt to pay their worship meet,  
*Hear us, O Child JESUS.*

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JESUS, to Thy temple brought,  
Whom, as them the SPIRIT taught,  
Simeon and Anna sought,  
*Hear us, O Child JESUS.*

JESUS, unto Whom of yore  
Wise men, hastening to adore,  
Gold and myrrh and incense bore,  
*Hear us, O Child JESUS.*

JESUS, forced away to flee,  
By King Herod's cruelty,  
From the roof that sheltered Thee,  
*Hear us, O Child JESUS.*

JESUS, Whom Thy mother found  
Sitting in the temple's bound,  
With the doctors all around,  
*Hear us, O Child JESUS.*

JESUS, LORD of life and death,  
Who to her that gave Thee breath  
Subject wast in Nazareth,  
*Hear us, O Child JESUS.*

From all pride and vain conceit,  
From all spite and angry heat,

From all lying and deceit,  
*Deliver us, Child JESUS.*

From all sloth and idleness,  
From rejoicing at distress,  
From jealousy and greediness,  
*Deliver us, Child JESUS.*

From disobedience, murmuring,  
Thoughts in prayer-time wandering,  
From each evil word and thing,  
*Deliver us, Child JESUS.*

By Thy coming from the skies  
Here to dwell in mortal wise,  
To enlighten darkened eyes,  
*Save us, O Child JESUS.*

By Thy Birth and childish years,  
By Thy sorrows and Thy tears,  
By Thy Baby wants and fears,  
*Save us, O Child JESUS.*

By the Blood Thou shedd'st All-holy,  
In obedience meek and lowly,  
By the Name Thou lovest alway,  
*Save us, O Child JESUS.*

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By Thine ever conquering might,  
By Thy never-fading light,  
By Thy mercies infinite,  
*Save us, O Child JESUS.*

**L**ORD have mercy upon us.  
**C**HRIST have mercy upon us.  
LORD have mercy upon us.

**O**UR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily Bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶. Unto us a Child is born.  
¶. *Unto us a SON is given.*

*COLLECT.*

**O**LORD JESUS CHRIST, Whose Babyhood and Childhood was for the sake of children, make us obedient and true, and gentle and loving, as Thou wert. And when Thou comest again make us like unto Thee in glory, Who hast ever loved us. Amen.

## IV.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, Who didst descend from the Bosom of the Eternal Father into the womb of the Virgin Mary, and wast conceived of the HOLY GHOST, and didst take upon Thee, O most High God, the form of a servant,

*Bless me, Thy child.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, wrapped in poor swaddling-clothes, laid in the manger, glorified by the holy Angels, worshipped by the shepherds,

*Bless me, Thy child.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, circumcised when eight days old, and called JESUS; by Thy Holy Name, and by the Blood which this day dropped from Thee, proclaimed our SAVIOUR,

*Bless me, Thy child.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, presented in Thine Own temple, O GOD Almighty, taken in the arms of the aged Simeon, and seen with thanksgiving by Anna the Prophetess,

*Bless me, Thy child.*

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O LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, Who wert worshipped by the Wise Men, as Thou didst lie on the lap of the Virgin Mary Thy Mother, and didst receive their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

*Bless me, Thy child.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, Who wert carried in flight from Thine Own country into Egypt ; O Thou Great God, Whom the little Babies at Bethlehem confessed, not by speaking but by dying,

*Bless me, Thy child.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, Who wert brought back from Egypt and taken to Nazareth, and there didst pass Thy Childhood in all loving obedience and gentle ways,

*Bless me, Thy child.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, Who wast taken to Jerusalem when Thou wert twelve years old ; Whom Thy parents did lose, and after three days did, with great joy, find with the Doctors in Thine Own Temple,

*Bless me, Thy child.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, Who didst grow up at Nazareth in most perfect obedience to Thy parents,



and didst deign, O Great God, to grow in favour with GOD and man, and to increase in wisdom,

*Bless me, Thy child.*

OUR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name : Thy kingdom come : Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven : Give us this day our daily Bread : And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation : But deliver us from evil : For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*COLLECT.*

LORD JESUS CHRIST, a Child for us children, bless me, I pray Thee, Who dost love me ; help me to obey Thee and my parents, to learn my lessons, and grow in wisdom, and say what Thou wouldest have me say. Grant that I may evermore love and obey Thee, Who never forgettest Thy life on earth for our sakes, and art God for ever and ever. Amen.

*SCENES  
OF  
OUR LORD'S CHILDHOOD.*

CHRIST, FROM WHOSE DEAR STEPS WE MUST  
PATTERN TAKE OF LIVING :  
CHRIST, WHO ONCE WAST MADE AS WE,  
GRANT THAT WE MAY BE LIKE THEE  
IN THY NEXT APPEARING !







ECCE VIRGO CONCIPIET PARVUM ET VOCABIT NOMEN EIS IESU CHRISTI. VSA. VI. C

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Scenes  
OF THE CHILDHOOD OF  
Our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*THE ANNUNCIATION.*

Behold a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel. *Isaiah vi. 14.*

And the Angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary : for thou hast found favour with God ; and, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His Name JESUS. *S. Luke i. 30.*

*HYMN.*

I T is the Church's holy call  
To keep our solemn Festival :  
The God Whom Heaven and earth obey  
Took on Himself our flesh to-day.

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He left His everlasting Throne  
To visit and to save His Own ;  
And, when the appointed time was come,  
Did not abhor the Virgin's womb.

To-day the Angel named her blest  
On whom the HOLY GHOST should rest ;  
In whom, to save mankind from hell,  
The Everlasting GOD should dwell.

So full of grace, so full of faith,  
She wavereth not at that he saith ;  
“ Behold the handmaid of the LORD,  
Be it according to thy word !”

Therefore the Church from shore to shore,  
Proclaims her Blessed evermore :  
The stem of Jesse's promised Rod,  
The Mother of her LORD and GOD.

Glory to God on high be done ;  
Like glory to the Virgin's SON ;  
And equal praise and honour be,  
Eternal SPIRIT, paid to Thee.





*THE NATIVITY.*

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given : and the government shall be upon His Shoulder. *Isaiah ix. 6.*

The days were accomplished that she should be delivered : and she brought forth her first-born SON, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger : because there was no room for them in the inn. *S. Luke ii. 6.*

*HYMN.*

O NCE in royal David's City,  
Stood a lowly cattle-shed,  
Where a mother laid her Baby,  
In a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
JESUS CHRIST her little Child.

He came down to earth from Heaven,  
Who is GOD and LORD of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall :  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our SAVIOUR Holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood,  
He would honour and obey,

Love and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms He lay.  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as He.

For He is our childhood's Pattern,  
Day by day like us He grew,  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us He knew,  
And He feeleth for our sadness,  
And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes one day shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love,  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our LORD in Heaven above ;  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him ; but in Heaven,  
Set at God's Right Hand on high :  
When like stars His children crowned,  
All in white shall wait around.



*THE CIRCUMCISION.*

Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the fore-skins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. *Jeremiah iv. 4.*

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His Name was called JESUS. *S. Luke ii. 21.*

*HYMN.*

H E Who is our great example,  
Let no moment run to loss ;  
Not one precious hour He wasted,  
From the cradle to the Cross.

Soon He sorrowed, soon He suffered,  
We must meek and gentle be ;  
Little pain and childish trial  
Ever bearing patiently.

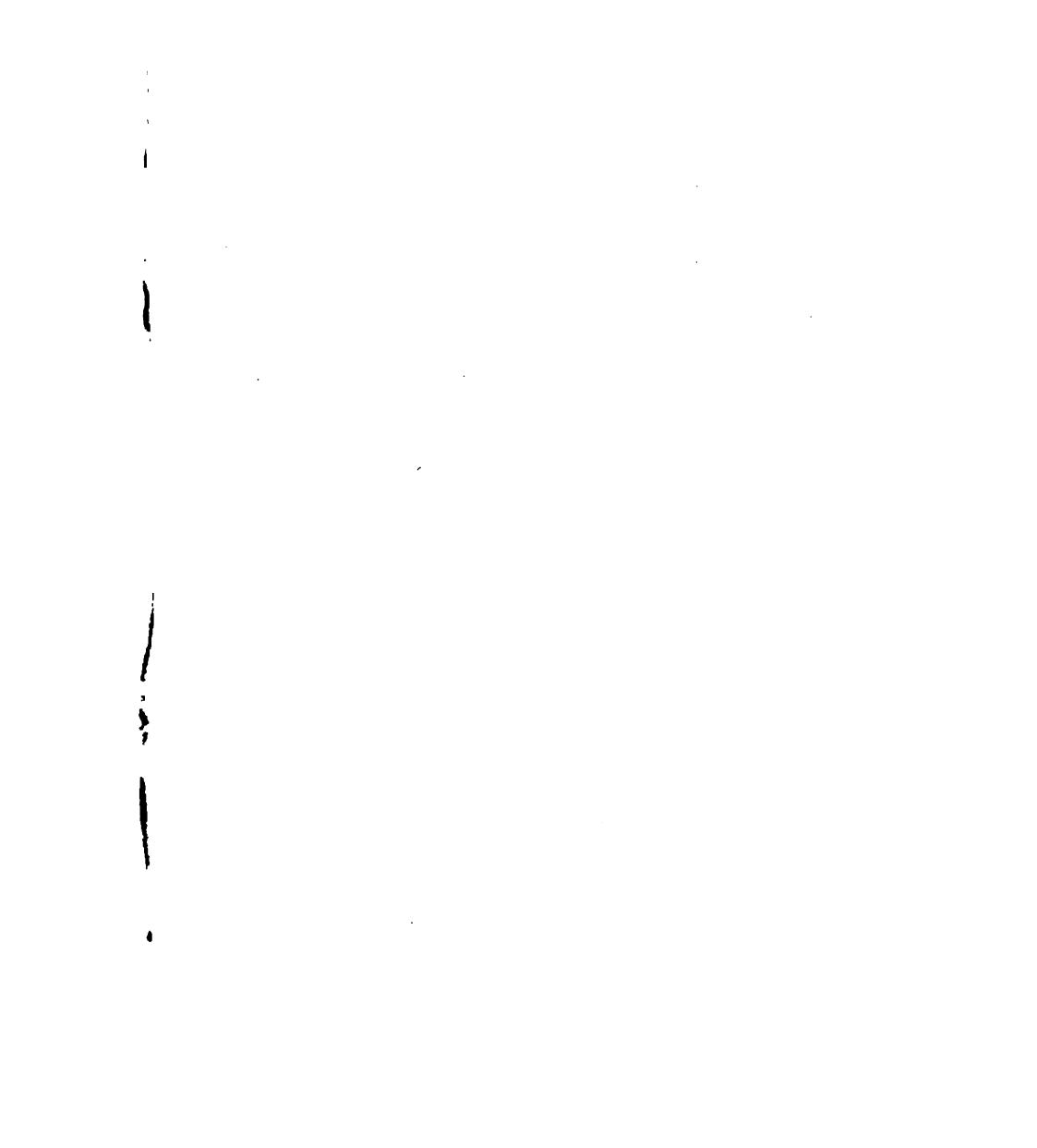
Soon He shewed a SON's obedience ;  
We must early learn to do  
Not our own will, but our FATHER'S,  
And be found obedient too.

Christian children must be holy,  
Serving GOD from day to day ;

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Never is the time too early  
For a Christian to obey.

JESUS taught us in His Childhood,  
Only eight short days He saw  
Ere He suffered circumcision,  
And obeyed His FATHER's law.



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*THE ADORATION OF THE MAGI.*

The Kings of Tharsis and of the Isles shall give presents :  
the Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts. *Psalm lxxii. 10.*

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother, and fell down and worshipped Him : and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts ; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.  
*S. Matthew i. 11.*

*HYMN.*

O 'ER the hill and o'er the vale,  
Come three Kings together,  
Caring nought for snow and hail,  
Cold, and wind, and weather ;  
Now on Persia's sandy plains,  
Now where Tigris swells with rains,  
They their camels tether ;  
Now through Syrian lands they go,  
Now through Moab, faint and slow,  
Now o'er Edom's heather.

O'er the hill and o'er the vale,  
Each King bears a present :

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Wise men go a Child to hail,  
Monarchs seek a Peasant :  
And a star in front proceeds,  
Over rocks and rivers leads,  
    Shines with beams incessant :  
Therefore onward, onward still !  
Ford the stream and climb the hill :  
    Love makes all things pleasant.

He is GOD ye go to meet :  
    Therefore incense proffer.  
He is King ye go to greet ;  
    Gold is in your coffer.  
Also Man, He comes to share  
Every woe that man can bear ;  
    Tempter, Railer, Scoffer :  
Therefore now, against the day,  
In the grave when Him they lay,  
    Myrrh ye also offer.



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*THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE.*

The LORD, Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, Whom ye delight in. *Malachi* iii. 1.

They brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the LORD. *S. Luke* ii. 22.

*HYMN.*

THERE was of old in Jewish land,  
A glorious temple piled,  
And there a Virgin-mother came,  
And brought her first-born Child.

Before the altar of the LORD  
She stood in lowly guise,  
And gave two little turtle-doves  
To be her sacrifice.

While many a richer mother there  
Perchance went proudly by ;  
And brought the dove to bear her sin,  
The lamb to purify.

But Mary carried in her arms,  
As up that court she trod,

Him meeker than a turtle-dove,  
The little Lamb of GOD.

Dear Lamb, make all our offerings  
Acceptable by Thine ;  
We too, in our baptismal hour,  
Were offered at Thy shrine.

Give us a pure and holy heart,  
Make us to love Thee more,  
That we may be all Thine on earth,  
And Thine when life is o'er.



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*THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT.*

Lo, then would I get me away far off: and remain in the wilderness. *Psalm lv. 7.*

Arise, and take the young Child and His Mother, and flee into Egypt. *S. Luke ii. 13.*

*HYMN.*

HAIL ! O Thou, the Truth, the Life,  
Hail, for Thou the world didst found ;  
Thou, the Way, the Power, the Grace,  
Thou, Salvation without bound.

Hail ! O LORD, for Thou hast come,  
Thou, Eternal Light of Light !  
From the Father's Bosom shone  
Upon us Thy radiance bright.

Hail ! O LORD, Who for my sake  
Garments poor and mean didst bear  
Wrapt around Thee : and for me  
Thou those Infant limbs didst wear.

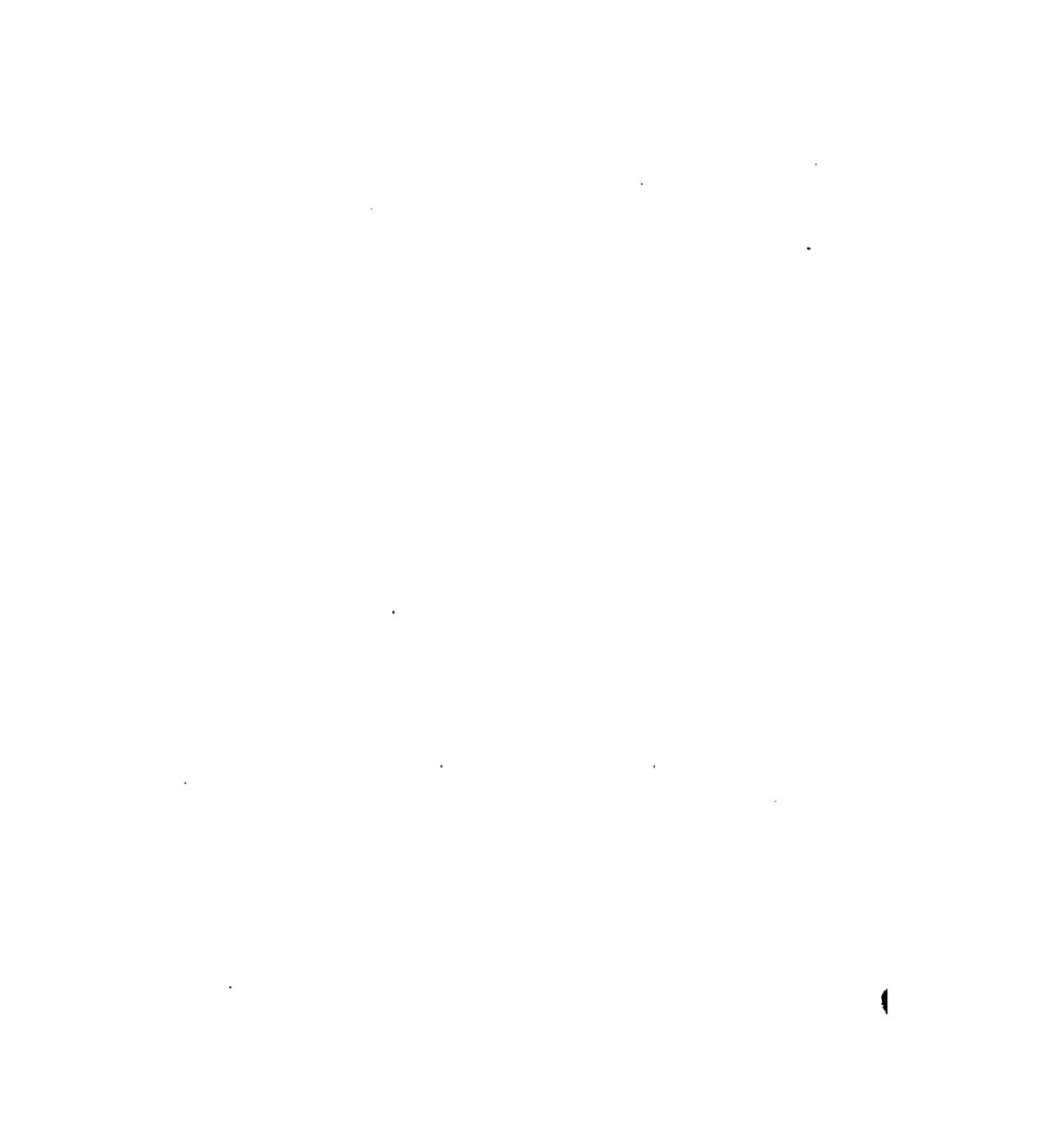
Hail ! Whom Angel hosts salute  
Ever, as their King and Head !

In the manger laid, beneath  
Food whereon the oxen fed.

Hail ! to Whom the kingly three  
Did their threefold treasures bring :  
Whom, enthroned above the stars,  
Loyally they own as King.

Hail ! Whom Virgin-Mother brought  
In the Temple, offering Thee :  
Whom enfolding in his arms,  
Simeon preached, the Light to be.

Hail ! Who into exile far  
By Thy mother borne, didst roam :  
And it was an Angel's voice  
That recalled Thee to Thy home.



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*OUR LORD AMONG THE DOCTORS IN THE  
TEMPLE.*

The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken :  
lo, they have rejected the Word of the LORD ; and what wisdom is in them ? *Jeremiah viii. 9.*

And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. *S. Luke ii. 46.*

*HYMN.*

**S**WEET it is for child like me,  
Blessed LORD, to think of Thee,  
For our sake so lowly made,  
And in Bethlehem's manger laid.  
Of the Virgin Mary born,  
Thou wilt not an infant scorn.  
Wrapped in swaddling-clothes wast Thou,  
Throned in highest glory now,  
Laid in helplessness to rest,  
Pillooned upon Mary's breast,  
Thou, Whose Everlasting Arms  
Fold us all secure from harm.

What can little ones like me  
Find to offer unto Thee,  
Only of Thy bounty fed,  
Suppliants for our daily bread ?  
SAVIOUR, from Thy word I learn,  
There are gifts Thou wilt not spurn,  
Gifts that little ones may bring  
To their Brother and their King.  
Childlike heart of truth shall be  
Dearer gifts than gold to Thee ;  
And it's prayer and psalm shall rise  
Like sweet incense to the skies.

Teach me then Thy steps to trace,  
JESUS, full of truth and grace,  
All Thy footsteps as a Child,  
Holy, harmless, undefiled,  
Filled with wisdom, and yet still  
Subject to Thy parents' will.  
Give me, LORD, the hearing ear,  
Thirsting for the milk sincere ;  
And from me, in Thy dear love,  
Every lying way remove,  
Till my little heart shall be  
Meet to offer unto Thee.

*OUR LORD AT NAZARETH.*

And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them : and JESUS increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and Man. *S. Luke ii. 51.*

*HYMN.*

THERE was of old a poor man's home  
Within a lowly Eastern town  
Wherein our Blessed SAVIOUR lived,  
When He to earth from Heaven came down.

There He Who is the King of kings  
Stoop'd down from highest Heaven above  
And deign'd to dwell with men of toil  
Beneath a poor and lowly roof.

There did He live a little child,  
Was subject to His parents' sway,  
There toil'd perchance with willing hand,  
And grew in wisdom day by day.

Oh let us oft in reverent thought  
Unto that peasant home repair,  
And watch awhile in silent awe  
His dutious deed, His filial care.

The breeze blows fragrant from the hill,  
The blue lake gently murmurs near,  
But sweeter than the mountain flower,  
And purer than the waters clear,

The rose beneath that peasant roof,  
The Holy Child so pure and fair,  
In meek obedience year by year,  
Love's perfect pattern lingering there.

Then turn we back with hearts made brave  
Obedient in our daily round :  
And by His blest example taught  
Be holy, meek, and gentle found.

So peace shall dwell within our homes,  
There love shall linger pure and mild,  
And CHRIST Himself be there to bless,  
Who was of old a lowly Child.

# An Instruction

ON

## The Apostles' Creed.

THE Apostles' Creed tells us what we are to believe about God the FATHER Who made us and all the world, about God the SON Who redeemed us, that is, Who was born and died to save us, about God the HOLY GHOST Who sanctifies us, that is, makes us good and holy. God the FATHER, God the SON, and God the HOLY GHOST are the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. The Apostles' Creed tells us this, which is what Almighty God tells us in the Bible about Himself, and which all His children who desire to love and obey Him must surely and fully believe with all their hearts. The Creed has twelve parts, each of which is called an Article.

### THE FIRST ARTICLE.

*"I believe in God the FATHER Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth."*

God the FATHER is the First Person of the Blessed Trinity. He sees us and knows all that we think or do or say.

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He is Almighty, because He can do all things. He is the Maker of Heaven and earth, for He made everything. We call GOD Father, because He is the FATHER of GOD the SON our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and because through the love of our LORD JESUS CHRIST we too were made His children when we were baptized.

#### *THE SECOND ARTICLE.*

*"And in JESUS CHRIST His only SON our LORD."*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, is both GOD and Man. He is GOD, for He is the Only Begotten SON of GOD the FATHER. He is Man, for He was born a Little Baby the first Christmas Day that ever was. He is Perfect GOD, and Equal to GOD the FATHER in everything. GOD the FATHER gave Him the Name of JESUS, which means SAVIOUR, before He was born, for He told the Angel to tell Joseph that that was to be His Name. The Name CHRIST, which means anointed, is the same as MESSIAH, which is the great Name by which good people hoped for our LORD ages before He came. He is our LORD, He shed His precious Blood upon the Cross to save us, and is now in Heaven to listen to our prayers, and to help us when we are tempted to do anything wrong, and to give us victory when we strive, and we must love Him and obey Him.

### *THE THIRD ARTICLE.*

*"Who was conceived by the HOLY GHOST, born of the Virgin Mary."*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Only Begotten SON of GOD the FATHER, was made Man by the power of the HOLY GHOST, and was born in the stable at Bethlehem, and the Virgin Mary was His Mother. He is both God and Man. This is what we mean when we say that we believe that our LORD JESUS CHRIST was incarnate by the HOLY GHOST of the Virgin Mary, and was made Man.

### *THE FOURTH ARTICLE.*

*"Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried."*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, when He was about thirty years old, began to go about the Holy Land teaching people, doing miracles, healing sick people, and the lame and the blind. He had no house of His Own, but lived where He could, and when He was about thirty-three years old, He gave Himself up to the Jews and to Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judæa, to suffer a very cruel death in order to save us. He was beaten, mocked, spit upon, crowned with a crown of thorns which pierced His sacred Head, made to carry His heavy Cross, and then crucified, that is, nailed by His Hands and Feet to the

Cross of wood. After He had hung for some hours on the Cross, He died on Mount Calvary between two thieves. He was taken down and buried by a good man, called Joseph of Arimathea, in his own new tomb cut out of a rock in a garden. Our Blessed LORD suffered all this in order to save us from the punishment of hell. This was done on a Friday, and we call the day on which it was done Good Friday.

#### *THE FIFTH ARTICLE.*

*"He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead."*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST's Soul after He died went into hell, while His Body lay in the grave. He went to the place where the souls of people go when they die, and where they are kept till the Day of Judgment, and this is here called hell or Paradise. On the third day after our LORD's Death, His soul joined His Body again, and He raised Himself from the grave. This took place very early on Sunday Morning, and we call it Easter Day.

#### *THE SIXTH ARTICLE.*

*"He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the FATHER Almighty."*

FORTY days after our LORD JESUS CHRIST rose from the grave He went up into Heaven, in the sight of His

Apostles, from the Mount of Olives: and He now sits in Heaven at the Right Hand of God the FATHER, pleading for us. He went up into Heaven, too, to prepare a place for us there, and to send down the HOLY GHOST to dwell in our hearts.

#### *THE SEVENTH ARTICLE.*

*"From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead."*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST will come from Heaven at the end of the world, in great power and majesty, with His Angel Hosts, on the great Day of Judgment, to judge all men, both the quick, that is those who will be alive then, and the dead, who will rise from their graves to be judged. Our LORD will reward the good by taking them to Heaven, to be happy with Him there for ever, and He will punish the wicked by sending them to hell into fire that will never go out. Hell fire, our Lord tells us, was prepared for the devil and his angels, and this means that God did not intend it for us, but that if we go on sinning, and do not repent and strive hard to obey God, we must go there.

#### *THE EIGHTH ARTICLE.*

*"I believe in the HOLY GHOST."*

GOD the HOLY GHOST is the Third Person of the Blessed TRINITY. The First Person of the Blessed TRINITY is

GOD the FATHER Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth ; the Second Person is JESUS CHRIST, His Only Son ; the Third Person is GOD the HOLY GHOST, Who proceeds, that is, comes forth from GOD the FATHER and GOD the SON. These Three Persons are Equal and are One God. GOD the HOLY GHOST dwelt in many good people before our LORD came on earth, but ten days after our LORD'S Ascension, on the day called Whitsun Day, He came down upon the Church, to dwell with greater fulness in the hearts of each one of God's children, to be always with them, that they may serve and obey Him.

#### *THE NINTH ARTICLE.*

*"The Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints."*

THE Church is called Holy because the HOLY GHOST dwells in the Church, that is, in the hearts of all who try to obey Him, and because it is in some sense the Body of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. It is called Catholic because it is everywhere, both on earth and above, and teaches the Catholic Faith to all nations. The Communion of Saints means the relationship of all members of the Church on earth who are good with each other and with the Saints and Angels. Those who have striven and are at rest love us and pray for us, and we must think of them with love, for we are all one family, and we shall be all together hereafter.

### *THE TENTH ARTICLE.*

*“The Forgiveness of Sins.”*

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, by dying for us upon the Cross, and shedding His precious Blood, gained for us the forgiveness of sins, and He gives it to us in His Church. When you were baptized you were washed pure and clean from the sin of your birth, and from every other sin, and now when you are sorry for any naughty thing that you have said or done, and confess it, and ask God to forgive you for JESUS CHRIST's sake, and try to do better, He does forgive you ; and He has left in His Church an especial means of doing so, which is called Absolution.

### *THE ELEVENTH ARTICLE.*

*“The Resurrection of the Body.”*

WHEN we die, our bodies become dust, but God will raise them again, and will make them bodies again out of dust, and with our souls and bodies we shall stand before the Judgment-seat of CHRIST our LORD, Who was so tender and good to us during our life here. If during this life we have tried hard to obey Him, and to keep away from all that displeases Him, and have asked Him with all our hearts to for-

give us what we have done wrong, He will take us in that day to be His Own for ever, and will make our bodies most beautiful, and will make them after the fashion of His Own Body, as He arose from the garden grave, most beautiful and glorious, on Easter Morning.

*THE TWELFTH ARTICLE.*

*"And the Life Everlasting."*

A LL men will live for ever and ever. The wicked will live away from God in hell, in misery and woe. CHRIST, our LORD and God, will take the good to Heaven, to be with Him always in joy and endless happiness.



An Instruction  
ON  
The Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD's Prayer is the prayer which our LORD JESUS CHRIST Himself made when He was on earth, and told His Disciples to say: and all good Christians ever since have said it. As soon as people are baptized, they may say it, for it is then that they become God's children, and can call Him Father.

*Our Father Which art in Heaven.*

CHRIST our LORD told us to say *Father*, for it was through His most Holy Life on earth and most Precious Death that God the FATHER loved us as a Father, and He told us to say *Our*, because He wished us to pray, not each one for himself, but for each other. And when we say, *Which art in Heaven*, we call to mind our bright endless home in Heaven where He is.

*Hallowed be Thy Name.*

**H**ALLOWED means "made holy." God's Name is made holy when His children who bear His Name live as His children ought to live, in reverence to Him, and in obedience, and gentleness, and love. And when you say, *Hallowed be Thy Name*, you pray God to help you, and all His other children, to keep His Name holy by being good.

*Thy Kingdom come.*

**G**OD is King of this earth and of all the people that are in it, for it is all His; He made it and all people. But the Devil and his bad spirits are always trying to steal away a part of this kingdom from God by tempting people to be naughty. One day God's kingdom will be perfect over Heaven and earth, when the Devil and his bad Angels are cast into Hell, and the places which they once had in Heaven before they sinned are filled up with those whom CHRIST our LORD redeemed. When we say *Thy Kingdom come*, we ask that this day may soon come. And we ask that God's kingdom may come more and more in each one's heart by his trying harder to be good, and that bad people may become good.

*Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*

**G**OD'S will is done perfectly in Heaven: for no Angel has one thought different from what GOD our FATHER and

our Master wishes. *Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven,* means, Give us that perfect obedience and loyalty to Thee our GOD that the Holy Angels have.

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*OUR daily bread* means, as the Catechism tells us, “all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies” for our bodies, food and drink, and warmth and clothes, and safety from all dangers : for our souls, GOD’s HOLY SPIRIT to make us good, and help us to pray, and give us strength to fight against what is wrong ; and for body and soul, all those sweet precious gifts of love which GOD our FATHER lets us have from those who dearly love us. *Give us this day our daily bread* means, We ask Thee to give us all that Thou seest good for us for soul and body, and one day, when we are confirmed, to give us our LORD’s Body and Blood in the Holy Communion, which is the Bread of our souls.

*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.*

*OUR trespasses* are the wrong things that we do. *Those that trespass against us* are people who sometimes do what we think is unkind. GOD our FATHER, Who knows all about us His children, knows that it is hard to forgive at once people

who do what is unkind to us. But He says to us : I forgive you all the naughty things that you have done, when you ask Me to forgive them, because I love you so dearly: and you must forgive anybody whom you think has been unkind, because you will please Me by doing so. *Forgive us our trespasses*, as we forgive them that trespass against us, means, O GOD, we try to forgive everybody who has vexed us, because Thou didst tell us to forgive ; do Thou too forgive us.

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

**G**OD lets temptation come to all His children, because it is by being brave and fighting against temptation that His children are made fit one day to see Him and be with Him. But sometimes when God sees that people are careless, and think that they can be good without any trouble, He lets them fall into some temptation which they do not expect, to call them back to Him, and to teach them that only in looking to Him, and trusting in Him with all their hearts, will they be safe. *Lead us not into temptation*, means, Hold us by the hand, do not let us go from Thee and fall into temptation and sin, but keep us by Thee. *Deliver us from evil* means, Keep us from everything that may hurt our soul or harm our body, “and from our ghostly enemy,” the enemy of our souls or spirits, “and from everlasting death” in hell.

*For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.* Amen.

**F**OR *Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory*, means, Thou art King over us and over all, and Thou art Almighty, and Thou hast glory above all glory that is created. And in saying these words we begin here on earth that praise of GOD which the holy Angels always do in Heaven, and which we by His mercy and love shall one day do also. *For ever and ever*, means, When all earthly kingdoms and glory and power is over, Thine will ever be, and for ever and ever. Amen, so be it.

# An Instruction ON THE Ten Commandments.

THE Ten Commandments tell us what our duty towards God is, and what our duty towards our neighbour is. The first four Commandments, which are sometimes called the First Table, teach us our duty towards God. The last six Commandments, which are sometimes called the Second Table, teach us our duty towards our neighbour. The Ten Commandments are in the Bible in the Book of Exodus.

## THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

*God spake these words and said; I am the LORD thy GOD: thou shalt have none other gods but Me.*

THIS Commandment tells us that the Great God is He Whom Alone we must worship and obey in all loyalty and duty and love.

### *THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.*

*Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them : for I the LORD thy GOD am a Jealous GOD, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love Me, and keep My Commandments.*

**T**HIS Commandment tells us to be careful and watchful not to let those things which the Great GOD in His love gives us to enjoy and to love become idols, by loving them too much, and caring for them too much, and becoming careless in our duty to Him Who gave them to us. And we must pray Him not to let us make idols of His gifts to us.

### *THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.*

*Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain ; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.*

**T**HIS Commandment tells us not to use the Name of GOD or other sacred words lightly or without thought. One great duty contained in this Commandment is to keep your thoughts as carefully as ever you can in saying your prayers.

#### ***THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.***

*Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-Day. Six days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy GOD. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the LORD made Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the seventh day and hallowed it.*

**T**HIS Commandment tells us to spend Sunday differently from other days. We may rejoice because God our FATHER, Who so loves us, made it to be a happy day and wishes us to rejoice on it. It also includes all Holy Days which the Church appoints for us to keep. We ought to be very happy on those days because of the things which the Church brings to our minds.

#### ***THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.***

*Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee.*

**T**HIS Commandment tells us that we must obey our Parents with all reverence, duty, and love, because God has given us no greater way of pleasing Him than by doing this.

*THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.*

*Thou shalt do no murder.*

**T**HIS Commandment tells us to keep from all quarrelling and unkindness, and most of all, from all unwillingness to forgive if we have been vexed. Those who are ready to forgive CHRIST our LORD loves.

*THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.*

*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

**T**HIS Commandment tells us not to be greedy about eating and drinking, and not to care too much about nice things and about being comfortable; and to try always to be "pure in heart," and not to do or say anything we should be ashamed of.

*THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.*

*Thou shalt not steal.*

**T**HIS Commandment tells us never to take any the least thing that does not belong to us, and to be careful of things lent to us or given to us to take care of.

**THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.**

*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

**T**HIS Commandment tells us never to say or do the least thing that is not quite true, and most particularly not to say anything that is not true about another person.

**THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.**

*Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.*

**T**HIS Commandment tells us never to wish for anything that is not ours. You are God's child, and He loves to give you all that is good and fit for you, and you must not wish for what He does not give you.

## The Ten Commandments

IN VERSE.

### *THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.*

I AM the LORD thy God,  
My child by grace thou art,  
Serve Me with holy fear,  
Love Me with all thy heart.

### *THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.*

G IVE not to any thing  
The worship due to Me,  
Bow not thy soul to ought  
In Heaven or earth or sea.

### *THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.*

B Y light or careless word  
Take not My Name in vain,  
My Priests and holy House  
Despise not nor profane.

*THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.*

SUNDAY, My Holy Day,  
With gladness keep and love,  
A type it surely is  
Of endless praise above.

*THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.*

THY Father and thy Mother,  
Love, honour, and obey,  
The Church thy Mother is,  
Then learn her holy way.

*THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.*

NO word of anger speak,  
Nor yet in anger strive,  
Think not an unkind thought,  
Be willing to forgive.

*THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.*

ALL thoughts and acts impure  
With all thy heart abhor,  
Nor greedy be in food ;  
Be temperate, modest, pure.

*THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.*

TAKE not what is not thine,  
Nor waste my gifts to thee,  
From Me is all thou hast,  
Grudge not to give to Me.

*THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.*

LET not thy pride or fear  
Cause thee a lie to frame,  
Tell not another's fault,  
Thine own confess with shame.

*THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.*

WISH not for others' goods,  
Nor envy others' share,  
Thou art what I have willed,  
Who ever for thee care.

# A Catechism.

## I.

### *ON GOD THE FATHER.*

*Q.* Who made you?

*A.* God.

*Q.* Where is God?

*A.* Everywhere in Heaven and earth.

*Q.* What is God?

*A.* God is a Spirit.

*Q.* Had God any beginning?

*A.* No; He always was.

*Q.* Is there more than One God?

*A.* There is only One God.

*Q.* Are there more Persons than One in God?

*A.* Yes; there are Three Persons.

*Q.* Which are they?

*A.* God the FATHER, God the SON, and God the HOLY GHOST.

*Q.* Are these three gods?

*A.* No; three Persons, but One God.

*Q.* Who are you?

*A.* I am a child, with a body and a soul.

*Q.* Are you able to take care of yourself?

*A.* No ; I want somebody to take care of me every moment.

*Q.* Who is it that takes care of you by night and by day ?

*A.* The Great God Who made me.

*Q.* Does God ever sleep ?

*A.* No ; He always watches over me most tenderly.

*Q.* Can you hide yourself from GOD ?

*A.* No ; God can see me in the dark as well as in the light.

*Q.* Does God see only what you do ?

*A.* No ; He knows all my thoughts.

*Q.* Can God do all this ?

*A.* Yes ; He is Almighty.

*Q.* Has God made anything besides you ?

*A.* He made all things out of nothing ; He made all this world where we live ; and Heaven too, which is above the sky.

*Q.* And what else has God made ?

*A.* He made the sun, and moon, and the stars, which shine so brightly, and twinkle in the beautiful sky.

*Q.* Are the sun, and moon, and stars of any use to us ?

*A.* It is the sun which gives us light, and makes us warm ; and the moon and stars shine when the sun is gone down.

*Q.* Can you think of anything else that this Good God has made ?

*A.* He made the great and wide sea also ; and the green

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trees and sweet flowers, and the happy little birds, and all the animals.

*Q.* In what time did God make all these things?

*A.* In six days.

*Q.* By Whom?

*A.* By His Word.

*Q.* Who is His Word?

*A.* His Only Son CHRIST JESUS our LORD.

*Q.* Did God make also the Holy Angels in Heaven?

*A.* Yes, He made them too.

*Q.* What are the Angels?

*A.* They are bright happy spirits who are always good and serving God.

*Q.* How do the Angels serve God?

*A.* They worship Him and praise Him, and do His bidding, and some of them He sends often to earth to do kind things for His people, and to take care of His little children.

*Q.* What does God teach us by all these things that He made?

*A.* That He is very great, and kind, and good.

*Q.* And will you not love this Great God, Who is so kind and good?

*A.* I hope I shall love Him very much, and try very hard to please Him.



## II.

*ON GOD THE SON.*

*Q.* Who redeemed you?

*A.* JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

*Q.* Who is JESUS CHRIST?

*A.* He is God the SON, Who also became Man for us.

*Q.* What do you mean by redeemed?

*A.* He bought me with the Price of His Own Blood.

*Q.* From what did He redeem you?

*A.* From being the Devil's slave.

*Q.* What did He make you instead?

*A.* He made me a child of God.

*Q.* Is JESUS CHRIST True GOD?

*A.* Yes; He is Very GOD of Very GOD.

*Q.* Is JESUS CHRIST True MAN?

*A.* Yes; He is True MAN.

*Q.* How many Persons are there in JESUS CHRIST?

*A.* JESUS CHRIST is only One Person, God the SON.

*Q.* How many natures are there in JESUS CHRIST?

*A.* Two; the nature of God, and the nature of man.

*Q.* Where is JESUS CHRIST?

*A.* In Heaven with GOD the FATHER.

*Q.* Why was God the SON made man?

*A.* To save us from sin and hell.

## III.

*ON GOD THE SON UPON EARTH.*

*Q.* Was our LORD JESUS CHRIST always man?

*A.* No.

*Q.* When did He become man?

*A.* More than eighteen hundred years ago.

*Q.* How did He become man?

*A.* He was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Q.* By Whose power?

*A.* By the power of the HOLY GHOST.

*Q.* On what day was He born?

*A.* On Christmas Day.

*Q.* Did He cease to be God when He became Man?

*A.* No; He is both God and Man.

*Q.* Will He ever cease to be Man?

*A.* No; He will be God and Man always for ever and ever.

*Q.* In what condition was our LORD JESUS CHRIST born?

*A.* He was born in lowliness in the stable at Bethlehem, and His Mother was a poor person.

*Q.* What did our LORD do while He was upon earth?

*A.* While He was a child, His Mother took care of Him at Nazareth; and He did whatever she and S. Joseph bid Him do.

*Q.* Who was S. Joseph?

*A.* He was a holy man of the family of David, a carpenter ~~trade~~, and the Foster-father of our LORD.

*Q.* And after our LORD became a man, what did He do?

*A.* When our LORD JESUS CHRIST was thirty years old, He spent His time in praying, in teaching people how to be good, and in healing every one.

*Q.* Why did our LORD JESUS CHRIST do all this?

*A.* Our LORD JESUS CHRIST did all this, because He loved us, that He might teach us how to become very good, and that He might give us power to become very good.

*Q.* What does our LORD's great love for us teach us?

*A.* To love one another very much.

*Q.* Does our LORD JESUS CHRIST love little children?

*A.* Yes ; He used to take them up in His Arms and bless them.

*Q.* Should you not like to be one of the happy little children who were blessed by the Blessed SAVIOUR?

*A.* Yes ; I should have liked it very much ; but we cannot see Him now.

*Q.* No ; He is in Heaven at God's Right Hand. But does He not bless you still?

*A.* Yes ; He took me for His Own little one when I was baptized, and He always looks tenderly on me, and blesses me every day.

*Q.* Will you ever see the Blessed SAVIOUR?

*A.* If I try to love and obey Him now, He will one day take me to live with Him in Heaven above.

## IV.

*ON GOD THE SON IN HIS PASSION.*

*Q.* What did our LORD JESUS CHRIST suffer?

*A.* The Dread Agony in the Garden, and a sweat of Blood which fell in drops on the ground.

*Q.* What else?

*A.* He was scourged, crowned with thorns, and carried His heavy Cross.

*Q.* What else?

*A.* He was mocked, spit upon and reviled, and heard many naughty and many cruel and bitter words.

*Q.* What else?

*A.* His Hands and His Feet were nailed to the Cross, and He hung on it a long time in great heat and thirst, and pain of Body and Soul, and at last He died on it.

*Q.* On what day did He suffer?

*A.* On Good Friday.

*Q.* Where did He suffer?

*A.* On Mount Calvary, just outside the city of Jerusalem.

*Q.* Why did He die?

*A.* To satisfy God's justice, to atone for our sins.

*Q.* What did He give you by dying for you?

*A.* He gave me the forgiveness of my sins, and the power to be God's child always.

*Q.* Does GOD forgive you now when you do anything naughty?

*A.* Yes, if I am very sorry and own my fault, and ask GOD to forgive me for JESUS CHRIST's sake, and try hard to do better, He does forgive me.

V.

*ON GOD THE SON, HIS DESCENT INTO HELL,  
AND RISING AGAIN.*

*Q.* When our LORD JESUS CHRIST died, what was done to His Body?

*A.* It was buried in a garden near, in Joseph of Arimathæa's new grave.

*Q.* Where did His Soul go?

*A.* To Hell or Paradise, the place of departed spirits.

*Q.* When did this take place?

*A.* On Good Friday Evening, a little before sunset.

*Q.* How long did the Body of our LORD remain in the grave?

*A.* Only till Sunday morning.

*Q.* What did He do then?

*A.* He rose again from the dead.

*Q.* What does this mean?

*A.* It means that our LORD's Soul came back into His Body again, and His Body came forth from the grave.

*Q.* How did His Body rise?

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*A.* There was a heavy stone which closed the grave, and our LORD'S Body rose through the stone without moving it.

*Q.* When did He rise?

*A.* On Easter Day, in the very early morning before dawn.

*Q.* What did He do then?

*A.* He remained forty days on earth, appearing to His disciples, and speaking to them about the Church, and then went up to Heaven in His Body.

*Q.* On what day did He go up?

*A.* On Ascension Day.

*Q.* What does our LORD JESUS CHRIST'S Rising remind us of?

*A.* That one day we too shall rise with beautiful bodies ; for "when He shall appear we shall be like Him."

## VI.

### *ON GOD THE SON, OUR KEEPER AND OUR JUDGE.*

*Q.* Where is CHRIST our LORD now?

*A.* He sits at the Right Hand of God the FATHER.

*Q.* What does He do there?

*A.* He pleads for us, and He watches over us.

*Q.* What does JESUS CHRIST sometimes call Himself?

*A.* The Good Shepherd.

*Q.* Who are His sheep?

*A.* All those who know His voice and follow Him.

*Q.* And who are His lambs ?

*A.* We little children are CHRIST's lambs.

*Q.* Where does CHRIST keep His sheep and lambs ?

*A.* In His fold, the Church.

*Q.* When were you brought into His fold ?

*A.* At my baptism, when God made me His child.

*Q.* Does JESUS CHRIST love His sheep ?

*A.* He loves them, and watches over them, and takes great care of them.

*Q.* And does He love His little lambs ?

*A.* The Bible says that "He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom."

*Q.* Are you glad to belong to this Good Shepherd ?

*A.* Yes ; I am.

*Q.* Will you ever leave this Good Shepherd ?

*A.* I hope I never shall leave His safe fold.

*Q.* Are little lambs rough and quarrelsome ?

*A.* No : they are very gentle ; and the lambs of JESUS CHRIST must be gentle too.

*Q.* Will our LORD JESUS CHRIST always sit at the Right Hand of GOD ?

*A.* No ; He will come again.

*Q.* When will He come again ?

*A.* At the Day of Judgment.

*Q.* What will He come to do ?

*A.* To judge the world.

*Q.* What will He judge?

*A.* All we do, and say, and think.

*Q.* How will He come?

*A.* With power and great glory.

*Q.* What will He say to the bad people?

*A.* Go, ye cursed, into everlasting fire.

*Q.* And then what will happen to them?

*A.* They will be cast into Hell, body and soul.

*Q.* How long will they remain there?

*A.* They will remain there for ever and ever, in pain which nothing will ever make better, and no one will ever be able to pity them.

*Q.* Who will be their companions?

*A.* The Devil and his bad angels.

*Q.* Who is the Devil?

*A.* He was once a good angel in Heaven, but he sinned, and now is the chief of the evil spirits.

*Q.* What will JESUS CHRIST say to the good people?

*A.* Come, ye blessed of my FATHER.

*Q.* Where will they go then?

*A.* They will go to Heaven with JESUS CHRIST.

*Q.* Will they be there always?

*A.* Yes; always.

*Q.* What will be their happiness there?

*A.* To see and know God, and His most deep and most tender Love for them, and to love Him and thank Him in return.

*Q.* Will they be quite happy ?

*A.* Yes.

*Q.* Why ?

*A.* Because this is the very thing for which God made us all.

VII.

*ON GOD THE HOLY GHOST.*

*Q.* Who sanctifies you ?

*A.* God the HOLY GHOST.

*Q.* What do you mean by sanctifying you ?

*A.* He makes me good and holy.

*Q.* How does He do so ?

*A.* By dwelling in me.

*Q.* From Whom does the HOLY GHOST proceed or come forth ?

*A.* From the FATHER and the SON.

*Q.* Is God the HOLY GHOST equal to the FATHER and the SON ?

*A.* Yes ; He is One God and LORD with them.

*Q.* When did He come to dwell in men ?

*A.* On Whitsun Day.

*Q.* Where does He dwell?

*A.* In the Holy Catholic Church.

*Q.* In what people then does He dwell?

*A.* In those who belong to the Holy Catholic Church.

*Q.* Are you always good?

*A.* No, I am sometimes naughty.

*Q.* How do you shew your naughtiness?

*A.* I am not always obedient, and sometimes I am unkind and fretful and cross.

*Q.* And do you try to please God as much as you ought?

*A.* No, I do not; and I am not enough afraid of displeasing Him.

*Q.* Do you wish to be good?

*A.* I do wish to be good.

*Q.* And are you able to be always good?

*A.* No; I cannot of myself do anything good.

*Q.* Who is it that helps you to be good?

*A.* It is the Great God alone Who can make me good.

*Q.* How does God make you good?

*A.* By the grace of His HOLY SPIRIT, GOD the HOLY GHOST, Which He gave me at my Baptism.

*Q.* And will the Blessed SPIRIT stay with you always?

*A.* Yes, He will, if I pray to Him and try and use the help which He gives me.

*Q.* And will that make you a better child?

*A.* Yes; GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT will help me to conquer disobedience and all naughtiness, and to be obedient, gentle, contented, and loving, and kind.

## VIII.

*ON THE CHURCH.*

*Q.* What is the Catholic Church?

*A.* The mystical Body of CHRIST.

*Q.* Who belong to it?

*A.* All Christians under their One Head.

*Q.* Who is that Head?

*A.* JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

*Q.* What is the Church called?

*A.* It is called, and is, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

*Q.* What is the meaning of Catholic?

*A.* That the Church is everywhere, in all ages, and teaches the Faith to all nations.

*Q.* What is the meaning of Apostolic?

*A.* Founded on the Apostles and on their teaching.

*Q.* Why is the Church called Holy?

*A.* Because its Head is JESUS CHRIST our LORD, and because He gives of His holiness to His children who live in Him.

*Q.* What is a Saint?

*A.* A true member of the Church either on earth or in Heaven.

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*Q.* Is the word Saint ever used with a special meaning?

*A.* Yes, it is often used to mean those who are in special honour among the faithful departed.

*Q.* What is Communion?

*A.* Union or the being together in one.

*Q.* What then is the Communion of Saints?

*A.* It is the union or oneness that there is between all good and holy Christians yet living on earth and those in Paradise, and also the good and holy Angels.

*Q.* What does this oneness teach us?

*A.* That we ought to love those who are in Paradise as well as those who are yet on earth, praying and hoping that one day we may love and praise God together in Heaven.

*Q.* How is the Church of CHRIST divided?

*A.* Into the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant.

*Q.* What does the Church Triumphant mean?

*A.* All those faithful ones who have fought the good fight and died at peace with God, and are now at rest forever.

*Q.* Where then is the Church Triumphant?

*A.* In Paradise.

*Q.* Are there any among the departed who are in special honour, and nearer to God than others?

*A.* Yes. The Blessed Virgin Mary, because she is God the Son's, our LORD JESUS CHRIST's, Own Mother, and the Apostles,

and the Martyrs, and such as they were, are raised to greater honour than others.

*Q.* What does the Church Militant mean?

*A.* All Christians on earth who are trying to fight against what is wrong and sinful and to please and obey GOD.

*Q.* Where then is the Church Militant?

*A.* On earth.

*Q.* Into what is the Church Militant divided?

*A.* Into clergy and laity.

*Q.* Who are the Laity?

*A.* All baptized Christians who abide in the unity of the Church.

*Q.* Who are the Clergy?

*A.* Those whom JESUS CHRIST has specially called out from the number of the Laity, and separated to be His ministers.

*Q.* Into what are the Clergy divided?

*A.* Into Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

## IX.

### *ON SIN.*

*Q.* What is sin?

*A.* Doing what displeases GOD.

*Q.* How many kinds of sin are there?

*A.* Two.

*Q.* What are they called ?

*A.* Original and actual.

*Q.* What is original sin ?

*A.* The sin of Adam in which we were all born.

*Q.* Does it make us displeasing before God ?

*A.* Yes.

*Q.* How are we cleansed from it ?

*A.* In Baptism it is all forgiven and cleansed, and God makes us His Own children.

*Q.* What is actual sin ?

*A.* Every wrong thing that we do.

*Q.* What are the wages of sin ?

*A.* Death and Hell are the chief punishments of sin, but there are many ways in which God punishes sin in this world.

*Q.* How are sins forgiven ?

*A.* Holy Baptism washes away every sin done before it as completely as though the sin had not been done.

*Q.* How are sins after Baptism forgiven ?

*A.* God forgives all His children who are penitent.

*Q.* What is being penitent ?

*A.* It is being very sorry that we have been naughty, and have displeased and grieved God, Who is so tender and so loving to us, and confessing our fault ; and asking Him to forgive us ; and resolving to try, and trying, very hard not to be again naughty.

*Q.* For Whose sake does God forgive us ?

*A.* For the sake of JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

*Q.* Is there any special means for washing away sin after Baptism?

*A.* Yes; Confession and Absolution.

*Q.* What is Absolution?

*A.* It is JESUS CHRIST forgiving my sins, if I am very sorry for them and confess them, and intend to be good.

*Q.* How does He do it?

*A.* Through the ministry of His Priests.

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*ON SACRAMENTS.*

*Q.* What is a Sacrament?

*A.* It is a sign that we can see of a grace we cannot see, which GOD gives to our souls.

*Q.* How many Sacraments are there necessary for all men?

*A.* Two.

*Q.* What are they?

*A.* The Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*Q.* In Baptism what is the sign that we can see?

*A.* The water; and the words "In the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST," which we can hear.

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*Q.* What is the inward grace we cannot see which GOD thus gives to our souls?

*A.* It is that GOD makes us His Own children, and gives us power to live faithfully.

*Q.* In the other necessary Sacrament, the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, what is the sign that we can see?

*A.* The Bread and Wine consecrated by the Priest.

*Q.* What is the inward grace we cannot see?

*A.* The Body and Blood of our Blessed LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*Q.* Are the Body and Blood of our LORD really present under the forms of the Bread and Wine?

*A.* Yes ; they are really and truly present, though we cannot see them with our eyes.

*Q.* Are there other Sacraments?

*A.* Yes, there are five others which are ordained for certain persons and certain states of life.

*Q.* What are they?

*A.* Confirmation, Penitence, Holy Orders, Holy Matrimony and Visitation or Unction of the Sick.

*Q.* Is there any one of these five which is necessary for baptized children before receiving the Holy Communion?

*A.* Yes, Confirmation is necessary.

*Q.* What is Confirmation?

*A.* A Sacrament by which the HOLY SPIRIT is given thru-

a Bishop to perfect the baptized if they live to years of discretion.

*Q.* Who gave us the Sacraments?

*A.* Our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*Q.* Why did He give them?

*A.* That He might give us through them life and grace.

*Q.* What is grace?

*A.* God's loving help, which He ever supplies to His children, and which is the life of their souls, as the sap is of the tree.

*Q.* Can we do anything good without grace?

*A.* No, we cannot.

*Q.* How may we obtain grace?

*A.* By prayer and the holy Sacraments.

*Q.* What is prayer?

*A.* It is asking God for anything for JESUS CHRIST's sake.

*Q.* How do prayer and the Sacraments obtain us grace?

*A.* Because of the preciousness of the Sufferings and Death of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, for the sake of which it is given.

XI.

*ON BAPTISM.*

*Q.* With what were you baptized?

*A.* With water.

*Q.* In Whose Name were you baptized?

*A.* In the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST.

*Q.* What did God give you by Baptism?

*A.* He made me His Own child.

*Q.* What do you owe to God because of your Baptism?

*A.* I owe to God all love, and duty, and obedience, like a child to his father.

*Q.* By whom did you promise this love, duty, and obedience?

*A.* By my Godfathers and Godmothers.

*Q.* In what words did you promise it?

*A.* I promised to renounce the Devil and all his works.

*Q.* What are his works?

*A.* Everything that I might do that displeases God.

*Q.* What does renounce mean?

*A.* To refuse to listen to him as I would to an enemy.

*Q.* Why must you refuse the Devil's works as you would an enemy?

*A.* Because the Devil is God's enemy; and because I am God's child, God's enemies are mine.

*Q.* What else did you promise?

*A.* To believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith.

*Q.* Where do we find the Articles of the Christian Faith?

*A.* In the Creeds.

*Q.* What else did you promise?

*A.* To keep God's holy will and commandments all the days of my life.

## XII.

*ON CONFIRMATION.*

*Q.* What happened when you were baptized?

*A.* God made me His child.

*Q.* And will you always remain God's child?

*A.* God will keep me always His child if I always ask Him, and try hard to obey Him, and not to displease Him.

*Q.* What other very great gifts has God in store for His children while yet on earth?

*A.* Confirmation and the Sacrament of the most Holy Body and Blood of our LORD and GOD JESUS CHRIST.

*Q.* What is Confirmation?

*A.* It is a Sacrament.

*Q.* What is it we can see in Confirmation?

*A.* The Bishop laying his hands on the head of the person confirmed with prayer.

*Q.* What is given which we cannot see?

*A.* His HOLY SPIRIT to be with me always in the sevenfold fulness of His Gifts, to make me stronger and stronger.

*Q.* Who ministers Confirmation?

*A.* The Bishop.

*Q.* How does he do so?

*A.* By putting his hands on the head of the person to be confirmed.

*Q.* Is it enough to receive GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT to make you strong and good?

*A.* No. I must myself fight bravely, and use the grace which GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT gives me: for His grace does me no good unless I use it.

*Q.* What do you do in Confirmation besides receiving God's grace with all your heart lowly and reverently?

*A.* I have to receive God's Precious Gift to me with great thankfulness, and with a strong earnest purpose and fixed resolve to obey Him very heartily Who is so good to me.

*Q.* What other blessing does God give to those who are confirmed?

*A.* He prepares them to receive the Blessed Sacrament of the most Holy Body and Blood of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*Q.* What then is your promise?

*A.* To renounce, to believe, to obey.

*Q.* What did God make you at Baptism?

*A.* A member of CHRIST.

*Q.* What is a member?

*A.* A part, as an arm, or a hand, or a finger, is part of a body.

*Q.* What else did He make you?

*A.* His child.

*Q.* And what else?

*A.* An inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Q.* What does that mean?

*A.* That God so promises Heaven to me, that one day it will be mine, if I do not lose it by disobeying and displeasing Him.

### XIII.

#### *ON THE HOLY COMMUNION.*

*Q.* What is the other Sacrament which is necessary for all men?

*A.* The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*Q.* What is this Sacrament?

*A.* It is the great Sacrifice of the Church, offered in union with the Sacrifice of God the SON upon the Cross, which was offered to atone for our sins.

*Q.* What is to atone for sin?

*A.* God the SON did this by becoming Man and offering His precious Life and His precious Blood upon the Cross to do away with everything that separated man from God, and to reconcile him to God.

*Q.* What is the outward part in this great Sacrifice and Sacrament which we can see and partake of?

*A.* Bread and Wine.

*Q.* What is the inward part which we cannot see?

*A.* The Body and Blood of CHRIST.

*Q.* What do the Body and Blood of CHRIST do for us?

*A.* CHRIST by His Body and Blood feeds our souls, to make them grow, to make them holy, and He comes to live and dwell in the souls of those who reverently receive His Body and Blood, and gives them more and more of His Life.

#### XIV.

##### *ON DEATH AND HEAVEN.*

*Q.* Shall you live always?

*A.* No, one day I shall die.

*Q.* Where are people put when they die?

*A.* Their bodies are put into the ground.

*Q.* And what happens to them there?

*A.* After a time they become dust.

*Q.* Will they always remain dust?

*A.* No; for one day GOD will make them bodies again.

*Q.* And where are the souls of those bodies?

*A.* CHRIST keeps the souls of His children safe in Paradise, in rest and love.

*Q.* Must we be afraid to die?

*A.* No, we must try not to be afraid.

*Q.* Why not?

*A.* We must believe that GOD, Who made us His little children, will keep us safe in life and death, if we will try to please Him ; and we must ask Him to help us to do so.

*Q.* When our bodies rise again, what will happen to us ?

*A.* We shall be judged for what we did here.

*Q.* What comes after the Judgment ?

*A.* After the Judgment, JESUS takes all who have tried to obey and please Him here, with their bodies which are new and beautiful, to Heaven to be with Him always there.

*Q.* Who shall we see there ?

*A.* We shall see there, in some most wonderful mysterious vision, GOD the FATHER, Whose children we now are ; GOD the SON, our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who died for us ; GOD the HOLY GHOST, Who has in so much mercy dwelt in our hearts.

*Q.* Who besides shall we see there ?

*A.* We shall see there all the holy Angels, all good people who ever were, and all who have loved us here on earth, and we shall never, never part.

*Q.* Must we not think of this ?

*A.* Yes, we must often think of that bright Home which GOD means for us.

# An Instruction ON Confirmation.

WHEN you were a little baby, GOD took you and made you His Own little child by Baptism. He has loved you and watched over you ever since. He gave you His HOLY SPIRIT when He made you His child. He gave you His HOLY SPIRIT to make you a holy child, and day by day He gives Him to you still, as you pray for His Grace.

But GOD wishes all His children to be confirmed, and when they are confirmed He gives them a larger measure of His HOLY SPIRIT than He ever did before.

But we need always to prepare for any special gift of GOD to us, because, when we have tried to be what GOD would have us be, He is able to give to us more largely, and we can please Him by a reverent preparation for His merciful gifts.

The best preparation for Confirmation is to strive most earnestly to be good and to please GOD. For to those who try to use the grace which He gives them He will give His greater gifts more plentifully, and will lead them on and on to love



Him more and more, and will give them many ways of serving Him.

The Catechism says that two things are required of persons to be baptized, repentance and faith. These two belong to us all our lives. From our Baptism to our last breath on earth we must hold them fast. And when God is going to give us any larger gifts than usual, then we need them more, that our souls may be able to receive all the good which God our Tender Father wishes to give us. You will remember the answer in the Catechism to the question, "What is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper?" "To examine themselves whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new life, have a lively faith in God's mercy through CHRIST, with a thankful remembrance of His Death, and be in charity with all men."

The first thing mentioned in this answer is *repentance*, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, with strong purpose and will to do better, the second, *faith*, have a lively faith in God's mercy through CHRIST: these are the same *repentance* and *faith* which belong to Holy Baptism. The other two things mentioned are thankfulness for our LORD'S Dread Passion, which is a special duty of those who go to the Holy Communion, and the being in perfect charity with all men, that is, not keeping in your heart any vexing thoughts of your brothers and sisters, or others who have vexed you, but forgiving them every

thing that you do not like, that you may please CHRIST our LORD by doing so.

*Repentance* then and *faith* are very great preparations for GOD's good gifts to you, which He loves to give, if He can but see you longing for them. *Repentance* is, to be sorry for doing wrong, to own it, and to leave off doing it. To be sorry for doing wrong, because you wish to love God, and to confess to Him that you have done what grieves Him, and to ask Him to forgive and help you, is one part of repentance. The other is to leave off wrong things, to strive each day by God's help to conquer any fault that you know of, or that you have been told of. These are very, very great helps to Confirmation, or to any other gift that the Good GOD may have in store for His little child.

*Faith* is the firm, loving, longing belief that GOD has made you His child, that He gave His SON our LORD JESUS CHRIST to die for us, because He loved us, that He loves you very much, and wishes you to love Him. And if you believe all this so heartily that you too wish to love and obey Him, and do what He would have you do, and are trying to keep from what displeases Him, this is Faith.

*The child will find the Prayer at page 28.*

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